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MARGINAL COLUMN
By GEORGE LEONOFF

THE first general election in the history of Nepal was originally set for October 5, 1957. But the Cabinet of Tanka Prasad Acharya — which had reluctantly yielded to King Mahendra's insistence that popular government could survive at Himayalan altitudes — had fallen in the meantime, and the new Prime Minister, Dr. K. I. Singh, had to be convinced all over again. In September that same year Dr. Singh announced the elections had been postponed indefinitely because it was found the previous government had failed to provide for ballot-boxes, paper for electoral rolls and other such indispensable minutiae. The postponement outlasted Dr. Singh's term in office, but it, too, came to an end. Last week, on February 18, the first Nepalese cheerfully went to the shiny new ballot-boxes.

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THE elections in 109 constituencies are staggered over 18 polling dates, the last of which is April 3, when three constituencies on the northwest frontier, bordering on Tibet, will cast their ballots. The obstacles confronting the conduct of Nepal's first popular vote are formidable. No more than 6 per cent of the 8.5 million population can read and write, and many are only semi-literate. As far as the electorate goes, this difficulty has been overcome by the use of party symbols: the voter is handed a blank ballot which he takes to a secret polling booth there to drop it into one of an array of sealed metal boxes, each bearing the crest of a party or independent candidate. Far more difficult was the job of preparing electoral lists and finding a sufficient number of officials to conduct the election.

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ONE reason why the elections are staggered over more than six weeks is that, in some constituencies, there could not be found the required number of sufficiently literate or trustworthy officials. So election teams in some cases have to go from place to place. Another reason is that, in winter, some of the regions are inaccessible. To top all this, the majority of Nepal's political leaders are not fervent supporters of the electoral system, since no one knows the minds or preferences of the electorate. There were the usual objections that the simple people of Nepal are not ready for democracy, that there could be fraud, disorder and even bloodshed.

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THAT elections were held at all is a victory for King Mahendra, who believes that even an imperfect election is better than none. In fact, all reports confirm that the first voting on February 18 was an outstanding triumph for the monarch and his simple subjects, among whom slavery was abolished only thirty-odd years ago. For all their naiveté the electorate proved at least as responsibly as their anxious politicos. They stood in orderly queues, sometimes for hours, exchanging good-natured banter while inexperienced officials fumbled through electoral lists to check off names. When their turn came they confidently entered the polling booth, usually a tent, to cast their votes for parties ranging from the right-wing Ghurkhas — that warrior race which supplied Britain in two world wars with some of her finest battalions — to the Communists. There was a certain amount of confusion, too, chiefly because some of the voters could not understand what identification was required of them, but generally the first election date thoroughly vindicated Nepal's progressive monarch.

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THE political maturity of the Nepalese electorate will finally be determined by its conduct at the remaining ballots and not, as some would have it, by the result of the election. There just is no satisfactory standard for judging from results. Whether Nepal can be governed democratically must then be answered by the conduct of its political leaders, and not of the people whose political maturity they so querulously question.

Jerusalem, February 26.

Uganda Elephants Call on Royalty

JINJA, Uganda (UPI). — The footman came impressively to Queen Mother Elizabeth and said: "There's an elephant at the door, Ma'am."

The Queen Mother rushed to the window. There she saw the guard shooing away a large elephant from the door step of the special air conditioned safari camp lodge in Uganda's Murchison Falls.

Then the royal party, which is touring British East Africa, went out on the veranda.

Game Warden Bruce Kinloch turned his flashlight over the veranda, and lit up five elephants, looking at the Queen Mother and her party.

Wally Taylor, her footman, lost his impassivity far enough to declare, "I am applying for danger money after this."

Rumania Tells Arabs Migration 'Humane'

VIENNA. — Rumania declared in an official statement on Wednesday that it had decided "only for humanitarian reasons to lift the emigration ban for all those Jews whose families were separated during and after the last world war."

The statement, broadcast by Bucharest Radio, said the emigration was limited and charged Israel with launching a "slanderous campaign" against Rumania to "endanger our friendly relations with the United Arab Republic."

"Some reports even alleged we have concluded a secret agreement with Israel about an intensified emigration of Rumanian Jews to increase Israel's military potential," the statement said. "This, of course, is nothing but infamous slander."

It also charged Israel with having "disquieted and troubled the Jewish population in Rumania by spreading Zionist propaganda through the Israel Legation in Bucharest."

"We will not tolerate such activity in the future," it was added.

"The emigration of Rumanian Jews is a purely internal affair of the Rumanian Government."

(Moscow Radio in its Arabic programme on Wednesday broadcast the Rumanian statement twice in succession. It emphasized that the statement was issued in order officially to deny the claims appearing in the Israel and Western press on this subject).

The statement scoffed at reports about alleged persecution of Jews in Rumania and other East European countries.

"Many Jewish families have been separated during and after the last war," it said. "We have granted permission to leave the country to all those who wanted to re-unite with their relatives in Israel."

The statement branded all reports about an alleged mass exodus of Rumanian Jews as "infamous slander... aimed at a deterioration of our friendly relations with the U.A.R."

"Some reports said that some 300,000 Jews have emigrated from Rumania lately—this is more than the number of Jews living in Eastern Europe," the communique added. "The last official census in Rumania made in 1956 showed that there were 146,262 Jews living in our country at that time.

"We need manpower in Rumania and we are therefore very reluctant to agree to the emigration of our citizens," it continued. "We have granted permission to emigrate to Israel only to those who insisted on joining their relatives there."

In Vienna, Jewish Agency officials ridiculed U.S. press reports that Rumanian non-Jews were posing as Jews to get out of Rumania.

The officials said there have been no non-Jews among the emigrants so far. One good check, they said, is the fact that there are always persons from the same towns who would immediately know if a non-Jew was with them.

'Afro-Asian' Call For Halt to Immigration

The Secretary of the Afro-Asian Secretariat in Cairo, Youssef Saibai, sent a telegram to the President of Rumania appealing for an end to the emigration of Jews to Israel, according to the "Manchester Guardian" on Tuesday.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League has telegraphed the foreign ministers of its member states to attend the league's council meeting Monday in Cairo, Cairo Radio reported Wednesday. The Council's agenda includes immigration to Israel.

In Amman, official circles said Prime Minister Rifai has informed the League that he will be unable to attend the meeting because of pressure of work, official Amman sources said today.

Eight Soviet Jews Going to Paris Fete

PARIS. — According to the Communist Yiddish-language paper "La France Neue Presse," the Soviet Union will send eight Jewish-Soviet artists to participate in the celebration of the Sholom Aleichem Centenary being held by Jewish Communist groups in Paris on March 15.

This is the first time in about three decades that the Soviet Union has sent any Yiddish-language cultural representation out of the U.S.S.R.

The newspaper said that the "Sholom Aleichem committee on Tuesday received from the Soviet Cultural Ministry official notification that the eight Soviet performers and artists will come to Paris."

Four of the artists were listed. They are Judith Guzik, a well-known Jewish singer and performer who, according to the paper, holds the title of Laureate; Nechama Lipshitz, a popular young Jewish singer who won a prize in a congress of Soviet performances last year; Daniel Horowitz, who studied with the Michoels Dramatic Group; and Boris Igudnikow, who participated in the Paris International Violin Competition a year ago.

NO SOVIET JEWS LEAVING—MOSCOW

Moscow Radio in its Arabic programme on Wednesday categorically denied that Jewish emigration to Israel would be permitted from the Soviet Union, and said reports to this effect were "fabricated news inspired by colonialist circles which aim at implanting the seeds of doubt and distrust of Soviet policy among the Arabs."

The radio also broadcast the Rumanian statement (see adjoining column) twice in succession. It emphasized that the statement was issued in order to deny officially the claims appearing in the Israel and Western press on this subject.

Moscow Radio also reported that President Voroshilov and Prime Minister Khrushchev sent telegrams to Abdul Nasser on the first anniversary of the proclamation of the United Arab Republic.

(INA, Reuter)

Debre, Tsur Air M.E. Situation

By MAURICE CARR,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Ambassador Ya'acov Tsur's half-hour audience on Tuesday afternoon with French Premier Michel Debré was reported to have been extremely cordial.

The Middle East situation, with particular reference to Israel's problems, was discussed.

Following the session, Mr. Tsur stated, "I come away from my conversation with M. Debré very pleased indeed and my conviction is strengthened that friendly relations between France and Israel remain unchanged."

Mr. Tsur met with French President Charles de Gaulle last Saturday, and later met the Minister of Commerce and Industry, M. Jean-Marcel Jeanneney, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Roget Houdot.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Important economic developments in Franco-Israel relations may be expected to follow the current visit to France of the French Ambassador to Israel, M. Pierre Gilbert. Political observers in Jerusalem see the establishment of close personal contacts by Israel representatives with French leaders as promising further developments in relations.

Broadening of Israel's economic ties with Western Europe is expected following the arrival next Saturday in Israel of a group of 21 Belgian economic, industrial, and financial personalities who will discuss joint projects and possible investments in Israel. The Israel Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. Gideon Rafael, will accompany the group.

UK Unfreezes £3.3 m. Of Egyptian Funds

LONDON (UPI). — Britain has released £3.3m. from Egypt's blocked sterling balances, the Government announced Wednesday.

Lord Hailsham told the House of Lords the money was released to enable the U.A.R. Government to make the first annual payment of compensation to the former Suez Canal Co.

Lord Hailsham said the money was released at the urgent request of Eugene Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mr. Black is in Egypt to try to remove obstacles delaying the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement initialled last month.

Free Schooling For Children of Fallen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Children of soldiers who fell in the War of Liberation will be entitled to a full secondary or vocational education at the expense of the State, Mr. Shimon Peres, the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, announced at the Yad Lebanim conference which opened here on Wednesday. Mr. Peres brought the greetings of the Prime Minister, who could not attend because of the bad weather.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov, and several hundreds of representatives of the bereaved parents from different parts of Israel, as well as Knesset Members, were present at the opening session of the conference.

Speaking on behalf of the parents, Mr. A. Shvat said he regretted that there was still no fitting memorial to one of the greatest battles of the war of liberation—at Bab el Wad (now Sha'ar Hagai.)

Snowplough clears the approaches to Jerusalem on Wednesday morning after storm cut traffic to a minimum. It was the worst snowstorm in years, but the children loved it.

100-Km. Gales Lash Coast; Girl Killed by Lightning

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The storm centre veered towards the coast on Wednesday. Gales of 100 kms. an hour sent seven-metre-high waves smashing against the breakwater in Tel Aviv port, completely stopping work there and at Jaffa port.

The first fatality from the storms was reported from Kafr Kasim, where a 16-year-old girl, Fatiha Issa, was struck by lightning and killed while in the street. Nisim Shaul, a boy from Yavne, was injured when an electric pole was blown down and he came in contact with the wires. Four other persons were reported injured in various road accidents arising from weather conditions.

Winds of 100 kms. an hour were also reported from Beersheba, while high waves at Eilat port pounded the port area.

The sea opposite Tel Aviv-Jaffa port was empty of ships, which had either scudded for shelter to Haifa or made for the open sea where there is more manoeuvrability. The two ports had been particularly active on Monday, and 20,000 tons of citrus were being loaded on a British vessel, the "Venetian," in Tel Aviv.

Stevedores Idle

Over 350 stevedores, lightermen and port workers out of the 600 employees at Tel Aviv harbour were idle on Wednesday, and the port's 25 cranes, dozen tugs and launches, and 40 lighters were not working. But no damage was caused, the port management told *The Jerusalem Post*, because precautions were taken beforehand.

Strong gales in Haifa considerably curtailed operations in that port, where 12 ships could not enter and were forced to remain outside. It is learned that the s.s. Israel and s.s. Theodor Herzl are expected in Haifa on Thursday as scheduled. The rough weather has not disrupted air traffic to Lydda Airport.

The Italian ship Enotria, which had reached Haifa on Tuesday morning and had been forced by rough seas to seek shelter in Larnaca, Cyprus, arrived on Wednesday night with 200 passengers, 150 of them immigrants from Eastern Europe.

In the Tel Aviv area, the weather continued cold, with frequent showers. There were intervals when the sun shone through small patches of

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More Rain, But Getting Warmer

Intermittent rain was forecast for Tursday (today) by the weatherman at Lydda Airport. He was reassuring on one point—temperatures are going up, despite the fact that Polar air continues to flow into the Eastern Mediterranean area.

One of the coldest spots on Wednesday was Jerusalem, where the range was from two below zero to three above. The maximum forecast for Thursday in the capital was six degrees. The coastal region will have relatively high temperatures.

Roads Opened In Hill Areas

Jerusalem Post Staff

Snow which blanketed the country's hill regions after Tuesday's near-blizzard began to melt on Wednesday in the lower-lying areas. Although two settlements in Upper Galilee were reported still isolated in the evening, by noon most roads were open to traffic.

The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road was cleared at 7.30 a.m. after bulldozers moved away the snowdrifts which blocked the highway at the Castel Hill.

The snow kept most children away from schools, and many were kept at home by parents because most classrooms were virtually unheated. But the children were out on the streets and in courtyards to build snowmen and have snowball fights.

In Galilee, many people who came from cold-climate countries took out winter-sports equipment and skied over the snow-covered hillsides.

Temperatures in Upper Galilee were four degrees below zero. A sharp contrast was seen with the clear line dividing the wintry white of Upper Galilee from the vivid green of Lower Galilee.

Water Pipes Burst

Waterpipes and meters burst in Safad, and the town was completely inaccessible from the western side. Bread had to be brought from Haifa by special truck as the local bakery could not operate its ovens. The hills around Nazareth were clad in white, and the town looked like a Christmas picture card come to life. The police were kept busy — bringing supplies to settlements cut off by snow. They evacuated a woman from Kibbutz Malkiah who was about to give birth.

In Jerusalem, the first bus to Tel Aviv went out at 7.30 in the morning instead of 5.30. Hamekasher service in the city was erratic in the morning hours, but when intermittent rain washed off most of the snow from roads, it returned to normal.

Magen David Adom reported its busiest day in months, dealing mostly with sick people who had delayed going to hospital on Tuesday owing to the weather.

Israel IMF Quota More Than Trebled

The International Monetary Fund has decided to increase Israel's quota with the fund from $7.5m. to $25m., the Bank of Israel spokesman announced in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

This follows lengthy negotiations between Mr. D. Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and Mr. Per Jacobson, Governor of the I.M.F., which began during the I.M.F. meeting in New Delhi last October and continued in Washington.

According to the Fund's rules, the spokesman explained, a member country is required to deposit 25 per cent of its quota with the I.M.F. in gold or dollars, but may draw up to 50 per cent of its quota as a loan bearing only 1 per cent interest. Israel is thus now eligible to receive from the Fund loans totalling $12.5m. at a much lower interest rate than she is paying on any other loans.

Israel's first quota, when she was admitted to the Fund in 1954, was fixed at $4.5m. and was based on data relating to 1939, during Mandatory times. In 1956, the quota was raised to $7.5m.

At the New Delhi conference it was decided to increase all members' quotas by 50 per cent, which would have raised Israel's to $11.25m. In fact, she has now succeeded in getting her quota fixed at more than double this sum.

Apart from the economic and financial advantages resulting from the quota increase, it is also a recognition of the growing importance of Israel's place in the world economy, the Bank of Israel spokesman added.

People May Return To Swiss Village

HERBRIGGEN, Switzerland, (UPI). — The 210 villagers of this mountain town may be allowed to go back to the homes they left under landslide danger February 8, it was learned Wednesday.

The decision rests with the State Council of the Canton of Valais which governs Herbriggen.

Informed sources said the continued cold weather may mean that the danger has abated and the villagers might be allowed to come back, at least temporarily.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

An American Air Force Titan inter-continental ballistic missile was launched from the missile test centre of Cape Canaveral Wednesday night.

Safe Landing After Loss of One Engine

LONDON (UPI). — One of the four power jet engines on a Pan-American Airways 707 Boeing airliner sheared off and fell on a French farm on Wednesday while the giant plane was on a training flight.

It was the first known accident of its kind.

The 707, showing a gaping hole in the right wing where the engine assembly fell off, landed safely in London airport after dumping its fuel load over the English Channel.

The outside right engine fell off in the area between Charters and Alencon in the rich farm country to the south-west of Paris, where the 707 had started its training flight.

There was no immediate explanation as to what might have caused the engine to break away.

The plane carried five Pan-American crew members and an observer from the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Nazis Said Returning to Office

BERLIN (INA). — Public life in the West German Federal Republic is being re-Nazified quietly and without any resistance, Mr. Heinz Galinski, Chairman of the Berlin Jewish Community, asserted here Tuesday night.

Addressing a public meeting devoted to Christian-Jewish rapprochement, the Jewish leader warned that with the return to important roles in the life of the country of the most prominent representatives of National Socialism, Democratic forces in West Germany were being forced into isolation as they were during the Weimar Republic, which gave way to the Hitler regime.

Mr. Galinski demanded an effective "purification" of the administration of justice, public instruction, industry and political life with the removal from positions of power of men who had been guilty of crimes under the Hitler regime.

A spate of new anti-Semitic acts has occurred in various parts of West Germany in the last few days and authorities are blaming Communists, saying that East German agents are inciting the West German population.

It was disclosed on Wednesday that a week ago a high police official at Zweibruecken was suspended from the city force on charges that he had insulted a Jewish innkeeper at Rieschweiler, and had been responsible for vandalism committed in his inn.

Last week-end anti-Semitic slogans and swastikas were painted on the walls of a Jewish cemetery at Aberg.

Chief Prosecutor Hans Schneider reported in Bonn on Wednesday that anti-Semitic slogans have appeared frequently in the last few weeks on house fronts and walls in cities throughout West Germany.

In Wiesbaden, the suspension of two officials of the Wiesbaden indemnification bureau was announced on Tuesday by Mr. Heinrich Schneider, State Minister of the Interior for Hesse. The men were accused of making anti-Semitic remarks about Jewish claimants and of singing anti-Semitic songs during a party held in their office last December.

Meanwhile, the University of Marburg has confiscated an anti-Semitic leaflet which Arab students on its campus had attempted to circulate. Dr. H. van Dam, Secretary-General of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, said here Tuesday. The leaflet, couched in Nazi language, had asserted that capitalism and Communism had delivered Palestine to the Jews in reward for the Jews' struggle against Germany.

UK-USSR Talks Resume In Gloomy Atmosphere

No Change Seen in Positions

MOSCOW. — The British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, renewed his talks with Mr. Khrushchev Wednesday in an atmosphere made gloomy by the Soviet leader's blunt rejection of the West's call for a Foreign Ministers' conference and Western proposals for a ban on nuclear weapons tests.

If Mr. Macmillan looked tired and possibly upset over the Khrushchev speech, the Soviet Premier was his usual jovial self as he drove to his suburban villa, where Mr. Macmillan spent the night, for discussions which lasted four hours and included lunch.

Asks About Speech

A British spokesman said little business was discussed at lunch, but in the talks afterwards Mr. Macmillan asked Mr. Khrushchev about the Soviet leader's speech on Tuesday. The spokesman said: "Since Mr. Khrushchev did make a speech like that, it is better for him to have made it while the Prime Minister is here than after he left, as it gives the Prime Minister an opportunity to question him on the issues he raised."

The spokesman said that Mr. Macmillan has had "no time to have consultations with the French and American Governments" since the Khrushchev speech. He added: "There are great difficulties between the West and the Soviet Union as is shown in Mr. Khrushchev's speech. You see from that speech there are no changes in the Soviet attitude. Our attitude has not changed either. It remains the attitude of our allies, France and America."

'Cool and Collected'

He described the atmosphere at the lunch as "cool, calm and collected."

(In London, authoritative British sources expressed hope that Mr. Khrushchev's rejection is "not his last word." The Foreign Office continued to decline official comment on the speech, which hit London and Western European capitals with bombshell impact).

Present at the discussions were Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, the Under-Secretary of State for European Affairs, Sir Anthony Rumbold, and Ambassador Sir Patrick Reilly. The Soviet Premier was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mikoyan, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and the Ambassador to London, Mr. Yakov Malik.

Until yesterday, the Anglo-Soviet talks appeared to be going well. Then without Mr. Macmillan's advance warning, Mr. Khrushchev delivered his strong speech at a political rally, stating that a foreign ministers' conference would be pointless and proposing instead a "summit" conference of heads of state.

Western observers believed if Mr. Khrushchev's call for a summit conference goes unheeded, the Soviets will conclude a separate peace treaty with East Germany. The West emphatically does not want the Russians to do this.

No Formal Offer

British sources also said he had not formally proposed to Mr. Macmillan a non-aggression treaty, which he suggested in the course of his speech. But Britain would gladly accept such a treaty, they added, provided it was part of some wider relaxation of East-West tension.

On the summit conference proposal, it was felt Britain should wait for the formal Soviet reply to the West's February 16 proposals for an East-West foreign ministers' conference before deciding its attitude.

Britain was unlikely to give any official reaction to the speech before consulting its allies, the sources said.

After the day in the country, Mr. Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd returned to Moscow in the evening for a special performance of the ballet, "Romeo and Juliet," at the Bolshoi Theatre.

The British guests are scheduled to leave for Kiev on Thursday (today) after a "quiet lunch." Before lunch Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Macmillan are scheduled to have another meeting at the Kremlin. Three planes are taking the British party to the Ukrainian capital.

Decision is Up To Dulles, Says Ike

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Eisenhower indicated at his press conference on Wednesday that after Secretary of State Dulles completes his radiation treatment for cancer, they will confer on whether Mr. Dulles wishes to continue in the job.

The President again emphasized, however, that Mr. Dulles will have to make the decision himself.

Mr. Dulles celebrated his 71st birthday on Wednesday, just two weeks after entering Walter Reed Hospital.

Ike Deplores Soviet Stand

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower on Wednesday said that Mr. Khrushchev was adopting a palpably intransigent attitude on the Berlin and German questions.

He told his press conference that the Soviet leader's attitude was not one that was hopeful at the time when Mr. Macmillan was in Moscow trying to create an atmosphere in which negotiations would be possible.

The President declared that the U.S. would not give a single inch in the preservation of its rights and responsibilities in Berlin. There could be no negotiations on that particular right.

The President also said that hopes of reaching an agreement with the Soviet Union on nuclear test suspension were not as strong as in the past.

May Consult

Mr. Eisenhower said no definite arrangements had been made for the British Prime Minister to come to Washington for talks after his current trip to Moscow. But he said there was an implicit understanding before the Prime Minister left London that he might need to report his findings to the Western allies personally.

The President said the U.S. did not see the need for non-aggression pacts between countries which had already signed the U.N. Charter, but it would not object to practical possibilities for achieving confidence by a special treaty.

He thought it would be a very great mistake to hold a summit conference with the Soviet Union which was not adequately prepared and at which progress could not be made. He recalled that the last summit meeting in 1955 produced the "Geneva spirit" but no progress on the differences between the two blocs.

Opposes Veto

The U.S. was opposed to the veto power being put in any nuclear test ban agreement, he told the press conference. The U.S.S.R. is insisting on a veto clause.

Mr. Eisenhower said that Soviet refusals to negotiate have been so constant throughout the cold war period that it was easy to become discouraged. However, he pointed out that there have been one or two instances, such as the peace agreement with Austria, when Moscow has reversed itself and negotiated settlement of a serious international issue.

Moscow radio said on Wednesday that a thaw in the cold war would have set in long ago "if the Western leaders demonstrated more readiness to settle matters by businesslike discussion."

It said that "if the Soviet leaders did not have to make such efforts to getting various world questions discussed, if the Western leaders demonstrated more readiness to settle matters by businesslike discussion instead of depending on power politics, the thaw would have set in long ago."

Commons Defeats Call For Kenya Prison Probe

LONDON (Reuter). — The Government on Tuesday night defeated a Labour opposition call for an independent inquiry into the conditions and administration of prisons and detention camps in Kenya.

The voting in the Commons was 288 to 232.

The opposition had also urged a review of the prolonged detention of men against whom no charges have been made. They are largely Africans detained during the Mau Mau emergency.

PARAGUAYAN TROOPS DEMAND NEW GOV'T

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Paraguayan Army forces in the interior have demanded President Alfredo Stroessner dissolve his government and form a new coalition cabinet, reports from the Paraguay border said Wednesday.

They said the cavalry regiment in Chaco Territory and the army garrison at Concepcion, where the 1947 Civil War began, delivered an ultimatum to Mr. Stroessner Friday.

The troops demanded the ruling Colorado (National Republican) Party leave the Government and that a new coalition cabinet be organized, the reports said.

Failing this, they said, the troops demanded that Mr. Stroessner resign.

Arrivals from Asuncion reported the situation in the Paraguayan capital was tense, but Mr. Stroessner appeared to be well in command. They reported dissension within the Colorado Party itself.

Congo Premier Pledges Election

BRAZZAVILLE. — The Premier of the Congo Republic, Abbé Fulbert Youlou, told a press conference in Brazzaville Tuesday night that elections for a new Legislative Assembly would be held as soon as calm had returned following last week's tribal riots.

He said the Government had decided to punish the instigators of the recent rioting, in which more than 120 people were killed and 300 injured.

The riots were the climax of months of unrest after the Government's refusal to hold elections for the 45-seat Assembly, in which it had a majority of one.

The fighting was between Balali tribesmen, who support M. Youlou, and Mbochis, who back the opposition leader, M. Jacques Opangault.

M. Opangault and 11 other top men of his Congo People's Party were still in Brazzaville jail, but French press sources here hinted that Youlou was planning to extend clemency to them.

(Reuter, UPI)

Liz Taylor Pledges $105,000 in Bonds

BEVERLY HILLS, California (UPI). — Actress Elizabeth Taylor pledged to buy $100,000 in Israel Bonds at a banquet Tuesday night and also made a joint pledge with singer Eddie Fisher for an additional $10,000 worth of the Bonds.

A total of $1,250,000 was received from the star-studded audience in pledges to buy Israel Bonds.

Abraham Feinberg, National President of the Development Corporation for Israel, caused an embarrassed titter at the plush banquet held for the sale of Bonds and in honour of George Jessel's 50th year in show business when he said:

"A $10,000 contribution was made by Eddie Cantor on behalf of Eddie Fisher and Debbie Rey — (pause) er... ah... Elizabeth Taylor."

Earlier, Mr. Cantor praised Miss Taylor's contribution, saying, "I'm delighted the Academy has nominated Elizabeth Taylor for an Oscar as Best Actress of the Year and not for someone who has fallen in love."

Stars present also included toastmaster Jack Benny, Milton Berle, George Burns, George Montgomery, Dinah Shore, Edward G. Robinson Sr., Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson.

Cyprus Readies To Welcome Makarios

NICOSIA. — Cyprus is making preparations for a hero's welcome when Archbishop Makarios returns to this new republic-to-be. The exact date for the return of the Greek Cypriot leader has not been set.

A preliminary celebration was held here on Wednesday morning when secondary schools and some shops closed to mark the lifting of the deportation order against the Archbishop.

The Archbishop was still in his London hotel, recovering from a cold.

Also in London, Turkish Prime Minister Adnan Menderes was preparing to return to his home. The passenger list of the crashed plane that carried him to England was corrected from 25 to 24, making the death toll 14 instead of 15. Mr. Menderes' secretary, who was amongst the survivors, had been listed twice, under different spellings.

(UPI, Reuter)

African Violence In Rhodesia Feared

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (UPI). — The Government took strong security measures Wednesday to ward off a threatening storm of African violence.

Native demands for independence exploded in the territory of Nyasaland last weekend and again Tuesday when an R.A.F. plane dropped tear gas bombs on rioters and troops opened fire for the first time.

The riots and the threat of new and greater violence caused Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, to call out troops both in the Rhodesias and in the Nyasaland Protectorate.

Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Wednesday gave a luncheon for the Minister of Finance and Mrs. Levi Eshkol. Dr. Miriam Freund, Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, Mrs. Esther Gottesman, Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Kol, Dr. and Mrs. Avraham Granott and Dr. and Mrs. Kalman Mann.

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The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Z. Aranne, on Tuesday visited the exhibition of paintings of the Dutch Masters at the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion in Tel Aviv.

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The Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Toledano, on Wednesday received the Guatemalan Charge d'Affaires, Miss Francisca Hall. The Minister also received Mr. Menahem Mosheno, a former warden of the Great Synagogue in Sofia.

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The "Weekly Meeting" at the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv on Wednesday was addressed by the Canadian Ambassador, Miss Margaret Meagher.

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The Director of the Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation and Mrs. Shlomo Temkin gave a reception at their home in Herzliya on Tuesday night for Mr. Donald Silk, the Honorary Secretary of the Federation, and Mrs. Silk. Among those present were Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, President of World Wizo, and Dr. S. Lipschitz and Mr. A. Feiger of the Israel Lawn Tennis Association, and Mr. E. Lucas and Mr. S. Jackson, members of the National Executive of the Hitahdut Olei Britannia. Mrs. Silk is the former U.K. tennis star, Angela Buxton.

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The American soprano, Miss Eveline De-Vita, arrived on Tuesday to sing Violetta in "La Traviata," which is being given by the Israel National Opera starting next week.

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The Attorney-General, Mr. Haim Cohn, will lecture on "Human Rights in the Light of Jewish Law" at 8.30 tonight at Beit Hillel, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the United Nations Association.

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Dr. Y. Foerder, Chairman of the Board of Bank Leumi, will speak on "Current Problems Affecting the Economy" at a luncheon at Z.O.A. House today (Thursday) for managers and senior officials of foreign insurance companies.

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Mr. Eliezer Livneh is to speak (in English) to members and friends of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association on "Britain, beyond Capitalism and Socialism" at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 tonight.

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Mr. John Moody, Director of the Bristol "Old Vic," is to speak on "The English Theatre" under the auspices of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association at the B'nai B'rith Hall, 2 Wedgwood Avenue, Haifa, at 9 o'clock this evening.

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Professor W. Low, head of the Radiation Laboratory, Department of Physics, of the Hebrew University, is to speak on "Guidance Systems for Satellites and Missiles," at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, in Canada Hall on the University Campus. The lecture will be followed by the General Meeting of the Israel Astronautical Society.

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The lecture by Dr. S.U. Nahon which was to have taken place at 8.30 tonight at the Terra Sancta College under the auspices of the Dante Alighieri Society, Jerusalem, has been cancelled owing to the weather and will now take place on Wednesday, March 4, 1959, at the same place and hour.

THE ROCKEFELLER Foundation has notified the Rehovot Agricultural Experimental Station of a $70,000 grant for research into the basic relationship between soil, water and plants. The research will be carried out over a period of three years by Dr. Ya'acov Rubin, director of the Station's Soil Department.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post, February 26, 1959

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Silberman, Landau and Berinson

Ya'acov Biegun v. The Lydda Municipal Council (H.C. 144/58).

Refusal to Grant Licence On Social Welfare Grounds Invalid

The High Court made absolute an order nisi calling on the Lydda Municipal Council and the Lydda Licensing Committee to show cause why they should not grant the petitioner a licence to distribute ice in the Lydda Municipal area.

The petitioner, Ya'acov Biegun, lost a leg in an accident and was unable to find a job suited to his disability. He then applied to the Lydda Municipal authorities for a licence to distribute ice in the new Rassco quarter of Lydda deciding that the distributing of ice would be a suitable occupation as his father also practised it and it required only a few hours' work a day. His application was rejected, after negotiations lasting almost a year, in a letter signed by the deputy mayor, who was deputising at the time for the mayor. Two other persons were given licences to distribute ice in the Rassco quarter. They were given preference because they were social cases suffering from poor health and had large families to support.

Mr. Biegun thereupon petitioned the High Court for an order nisi which was granted on September 18, 1958. In the respondents' reply to the order nisi the deputy mayor declared that he, himself, had, after due consideration, decided against granting the licence because there were already too many ice distributors in the town, and the difficulties they experienced in making a living led to brawls and altercations amongst them which endangered the public peace and security.

Mr. Hershberg appeared for the petitioner and Mr. Orenstein for the respondents.

Decision

Justice Berinson, who delivered the decision of the High Court, dealt firstly with the petitioner's counsel argument that the deputy mayor had not been entitled to deal personally with the petitioner's application for a licence and reject it on his own initiative. Both parties agree, Justice Berinson said, that the petitioner's application was not based on the Trades & Industries (Regulation) Ordinance but on the Lydda (Licensing and Control of Hawkers) By-law, made in 1955 on the basis of section 86(12) of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1934, which provides that municipal councils shall provide for the licensing, registration and control of hawkers. And in accordance with this by-law, he continued, anyone wishing to ply his trade as a hawker in the Lydda municipal area must first obtain a licence from the mayor (or anyone empowered by the mayor in writing to act in his stead) in whose absolute discretion it lies to grant or refuse such licences.

Mr. Hertzberg had argued, Justice Berinson said, that this by-law, in that it permits the mayor to delegate his authority in the matter of hawkers' licences to any other person, is ultra vires section 82 of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance which provides that any delegation of duties by the mayor to the deputy mayor or other municipal officials is subject to the authorisation of the municipal council. However, he continued, Mr. Hertzberg had overlooked the fact that the relevant provision in the by-law had been inserted by consent of the council and this might be regarded as advance authorisation of every delegation of authority on the part of the mayor to his deputy mayor or any other municipal official. Furthermore, the deputy mayor, at the time of his decision, was acting as mayor during the latter's absence on leave, and, finally, the deputy mayor had, in any case, since his election, been in charge of the granting of licences, by express authorisation of the Council.

Justice Berinson then considered the main issue at stake: whether the power conferred on the Mayor to grant or refuse licences at his absolute discretion was valid in the light of section 86(12) of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance, as argued by Mr. Orenstein. In dismissing this contention, he held that the words "Shall provide for" in section 86(12) have no magic qualities which allow of municipal councils' using their powers howsoever they please. On the contrary, the powers of the municipal councils are subject to the provisions of any other ordinance or law, including the principles of common law and equity as extant in Israel. And the principles established in English jurisprudence with regard to the freedom to choose a profession for trade — and which have been adopted by the Supreme Court — may be summed up as follows:

First, that the freedom to follow a trade and profession may be restricted by an unambiguous provision of the law only; and secondly, that this freedom may not be limited by subsidiary legislation unless the subsidiary legislator is expressly given the power to prohibit or restrict the practice of a trade or profession or where the enabling law clearly shows an intention to give the subsidiary legislator this power (see Toronto v. Virgo, 1896, A.C. 88; H.C. 1/49 Pushin, 1/51; and H.C. 122/56, P.D. 2/1930).

In the concrete case under consideration, Justice Berinson continued, there is no cause whatsoever for concluding that the right to regulate and control the trade of hawking in-

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THE portion of the wine that is poured away in wine cellars as prescribed by religious law to free it of excise duty. Wine that is destroyed for other reasons, however, is not exempt. (Law Amending Intoxicating Liquors Ordinance, 1959.)

cludes the right to prohibit or prevent the exercise of the trade entirely, unless some paramount public interest is involved. In short, to the extent to which the Lydda by-law gives the absolute and unrestricted discretion to refuse licences for hawking, it is invalid.

It is possible, Justice Berinson said, to reach this same conclusion by means of a different approach to the question: i.e. by recourse to decisions of the Supreme Court to the effect that the refusal to grant licences may not be based on economic or social considerations as these are not within the province of municipal councils. And if these consideration may not be relied on by the councils, then they may certainly not be relied on by mayors, who act in the name of the councils.

In conclusion, Justice Berinson considered the argument that the deputy mayor had been entitled to refuse the licence on grounds of public security, which did come within the province of the municipal council in accordance with section 86(27) of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance. There is no doubt, he said, that considerations of public security may influence the council — and hence the mayor — in deciding whether to grant licences.

In the present case, therefore, if the refusal to give the petitioner a licence had really been based on considerations of public security then it would have been perfectly lawful. However, from the evidence, it was apparent that the number of ice-hawkers had not been generally restricted, for others were given licences while the petitioner was turned away. Nor were the others given preference for reasons connected with the petitioner's character and personality — i.e. because of any quarrelsome attributes which could endanger public peace and order. For they were given preference for the sole reason that their social and family difficulties were greater than those of the petitioner, and this consideration was invalid.

Order nisi made absolute and the respondents ordered to pay the petitioner IL200 costs.

Decision given on February 20, 1959.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 102 from Johannesburg, Leopoldville and Kano at 0930. Air France 1350 from Teheran at 1330. El Al 408 from Istanbul at 1630. El Al 206 from New York, London and Athens at 1910. Cyprus Airways 24 from London, Zurich, Athens and Nicosia at 2250. El Al 414 from London, Paris and Zurich at 2255. Olympic Airways 600 from London, Paris, Rome and Athens at 2355. El Al 418 from Amsterdam, Cologne and Rome at 0130 (Friday).

DEPARTURES: El Al 418 to Vienna at 0730. Swissair 231 to Athens and Zurich at 0800. BEA 127 to Athens, Rome and London at 0915. Cyprus Airways 23 to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome, Nice and London at 0930. El Al 407 to Istanbul at 0900. TWA 801 to Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris and New York at 1015. Sabena 536 to Athens, Vienna and Brussels at 1030. KLM 826 to Rome and Amsterdam at 1215. El Al 207 to Rome, Paris and New York at 1800. Air France 129 to Rome and Paris at 1840.

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Learning Trades Said Best For State and Students

By YA'ACOV ARDON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — What happens to Haifa children after they complete eight years of elementary school? For the first time, the Municipality's Education Department has made a survey of the careers of the 2,077 boys and girls who finished their elementary school education last summer.

Nearly 82 per cent. the survey has established, continue their education on a full-time basis in academic, trade or agricultural schools. Another 2.5 per cent go to evening schools. The survey does not distinguish, unfortunately, between evening trade schools and those which prepare their pupils for matriculation.

Only four per cent go out to work and give up their studies, while 2.3 per cent neither study nor work, both groups having been poor at their schoolwork.

What happened to the remaining two per cent or so the Department has been unable to verify.

Of the 1,719 boys and girls who continue their education full-time, no less than two-thirds attend secondary schools which teach general subjects or prepare them for the teaching profession. Less than 30 per cent attend trade schools of matriculation standard, including the nautical school at Acre. A mere four per cent go to agricultural schools.

Does this pattern of post-elementary education serve the best interests of the country? Or of the pupils themselves?

A labour market and employment expert here is highly critical. "The indiscriminate admission of children to general secondary schools without careful selection is a regrettable waste of the country's future manpower and of educational facilities, and it harms the country's economic interests," he commented.

Creating a 'Good Record'

"Elementary school headmasters and teachers urge far too many parents to let their children continue their general education at expensive secondary schools without sufficient regard for their intellectual ability and their future chances. Far too often the motive of these headmasters and teachers is to create a "good record" for their schools by achieving the highest number of transfers to secondary schools.

"Furthermore, the test which pupils have to pass to be admitted to secondary schools is poorly constructed, failing to bring out real learning ability. As a result, children unsuited to intellectual pursuits are compelled to absorb general secondary school learning, often at considerable financial sacrifice for the parents and at some cost to the State too.

"A year or two later, these children begin to lag behind, lose interest and drop out. At 16 or 17, no trade school will accept them, no employer take them as apprentices. On demobilisation, after national service, they are usually faced with the need of earning their living as quickly as possible. They take a quick Labour Ministry or Histadrut training course in something or other and appear on the labour market without a real and solidly-founded skill. And that at a time when only the skilled have a good chance of being absorbed."

The labour expert rejected as "unwarranted" from any practical point of view a Government project to give elementary school graduates another two years of general education.

"What the country needs, and needs badly, is trade skills of a high order. The best time to acquire them or lay the foundations for them is between 14 and 15," he declared. This was especially important here where workmanship is far too slipshod in comparison with standards of advanced countries in which trades have deeper roots. We have to raise trade school attendance and levels so as to keep up with the continuous advance of industrial technology, he said.

"You can pick up general education practically all your life. But the time in which you can learn a trade is short and precious."

Sholom Aleichem Year Begins in T.A. Tonight

TEL AVIV. — A series of festive events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the celebrated poet and writer Sholom Aleichem will be set off on Thursday (today) at the Habimah Auditorium here by the Minister of Education, Mr. Zalman Aranne. An all-Sholom Aleichem evening will include short sketches by Habimah ensembles and solo recitals by Yehoshua Bertonoff.

The evening's programme will include the recorded voice of the author reciting parts from his famous story: "If I Were Rothschild." The recording was made in 1916.

The publication is planned by Dvir of a popular edition of the writer's collected works. These will also include the printing of an hitherto unpublished two-volume collection of personal letters, a revised autobiography and a collection of children's stories.

Further highlights of the anniversary year include the contemplated conference of Jewish writers, scheduled to take place in Jerusalem next August. The subject of the conference will include discussions on contemporary Jewish literature and the creations of Sholom Aleichem.

A SEWING workshop has been set up by the police in the industrial zone of Safad. It will employ 15 men and women making police uniforms. A similar number will work on assembling sewing machines in the newly opened Atsmon plant owned jointly by the Government and the Histadrut.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

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• **Public Discussions:** —
English Speaking Discussion Group invites the public to a discussion on "Religion in Israel." Speaker: R.J. Zwi Werblowski, Professor, Hebrew University. In the Chair: Arthur Basil Super, Assistant Editor, Jerusalem Post. Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi, Rehavia, 8.30.

• **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus.

By-and a morning with Hadassah or: a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4951, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Rest:** —
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 9-6.

• **Film Shows:** —
Israel Films daily, 11.30 a.m. Koren Hayesod Hall.

• **Exhibitions:** —
Bezalel National Museum, 9-1; 2.30-6. Fridays 9-1; Saturdays 10-1. Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art; Gifts from England and other recent acquisitions; Far-Eastern Art (from the Jacob Pins collection); Children's Gouaches; Archaeological pieces; Samples of primitive sculpture.

Margrit Eichelberg: gouaches, pastels, drawings, collages and mosaics. Also: Paintings by 10 Israel Artists. Nora Studio, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1, 3-6.

"Sculpture in Israel 1948-1958." Artists' House, 10-1, 3-6.

New finds from excavations of the French Archaeological Mission at Beersheba. Chalcolithic Ossuaries from Azor. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-6.

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• **Exhibitions:** —
Exhibition of seventeenth century Dutch art, Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

Modern Art in Israel. Artists' & Sculptors' Gallery, Beit Hantin, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Tourist Services** —
Visit Hadassah Club, 60 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 28239.

Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 28228. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• **Zoological Gardens:** — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

• **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "The Merchant of Venice", 8.

• **Z.O.A. House:** —
Tourist Service (9 a.m.-9 p.m.)

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• **Tourist Services:** —
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Bahalulu, Tel. 67355.

• **Exhibitions:**
Consumer Goods Exhibition: Leather Products, Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot, Haifa, 10-1; 4-7. (Mondays and Tuesdays, 10-1; 4-9).

• **Lectures:** —
GOLDEN AGE CLUB. Dr. Claire Lachman, on "Rembrandt" — Sixties and Film. Ruel Brith Home, 2 Wedgwood Ave., Central Carmel, 4.30 p.m. — Guests welcome.

• **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "A Touch of the Poet," Armon, 8.

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Honesty Continues To Pay Dividends

Honesty, as a policy, is still paying dividends to Mr. Masud Turjaman.

The 62-year-old resident of the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem (who has been lying ill in bed the past few days), found a woman's purse containing IL1,300 early this month. He promptly handed it over to the police, and it was returned to the woman who had lost it en route to an old age home.

She gave him a reward of IL50. Readers of *The Jerusalem Post*, and the paper itself, contributed a total of IL36. Since then IL25 more, sent in by *Post* readers, has been turned over to Mr. Turjaman.

A check for another IL8 (made out to *The Post*) was received on Wednesday at the newspaper's office. Meanwhile, a donation of IL25 has been received at the Jerusalem Police station and this also will be given him this week, bringing the total to IL334.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

5.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARMON: The Restless Years
EDEN: The Brothers Karamazov
OR GIL: Around the World in 80 Days. 5, 8.30.
ORION: The Bigamist
ONNA: In Love and War
RON: Indicreet
SEMADAR: The Cranes are Flying
ZION HALL: The Amazing Colossal Man
TEL OR: Lisa, the Jungle Girl
EDISON: Song of the Red Rose
STUDIO: La sorcière

TEL AVIV

2.30, 7.30, 9.15

ALLENBY: Jacobowsky and the Colonel. 2.30, 7, 9.30
ARMON DAVID: Charmants garçons
CHEN: The The Star
EDEN: Dance of Love. 2.30, 6.45, 8.45
ESTHER: High School Confidential
GAT: Christine. 4, 7.30, 9.30
HOD: Perfect Furlough (Grand Opening tonight, 6 p.m.).
MAXIM: Christine
MIGDALOR: A Night to Remember
NOGRAH: The Key
OPHIR: Hot Spell
ORION: Marjorie Morningstar. 2.30, 7, 9.15.
PEER: Incognito
SHDEROTH: L'amant de Lady Chatterley
TAMAR: Legend of the Lost
TEL AVIV: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness. 2.15, 6.45, 9.30
TCHELET: When Love begins
In Warsaw. 5.45, 7.30, 9.30
YARDEN: The Camp on Blood Island
ZAFON: Patterns of Power
ZAMIR: Mates de Montmartre

HAIFA

5.30, 6.45, 9

AMPHITHEATRE: Bally Bound the Flag, Boys!
ORAH: An Angel Passed in Brooklyn
ATZMON: The Unholy Wife
GAL OR: I Died a Thousand Times
ORION: The Great Dictator
MORIAH: Les Girls
PEER: No Time for Sergeants
MIRON: OPENING SHORTLY.
ARMON: Les amants
EN DOR: The Square Jungle
ORLY: Ill Met by Moonlight
MAY: La chatte
RAMAT GAN
RAMAT GAN: La traversée de Paris

At the Opera

The Conductor's 'Third Hand'

The unseen hero of the resplendent "Falstaff" production at the Mann Auditorium is a rotund, cheerful native of Florence, Luigi Morosini by name. For the duration of the three-hour opera, he sits in a narrow cage dropped through the centre of the stage just behind the footlights.

Mr. Morosini is the prompter — the "third hand" of the opera conductor and described by the singers as "our security."

Of the 30,000 spectators of the smoothly moving performances, few were aware of his existence. A raised hood hides him from the audience. Those seated at the sides of the first few rows received an unexpected fillip to their opera-going by the sight of an apparently disembodied hand turning the pages of a score, and giving the singers their cues with a small forefinger. For those with keen hearing, Mr. Morosini's verbal prompting was just audible on occasion.

Mr. Morosini was sent for specially by the conductor, Carlo Maria Giulini, after a few rehearsals indicated the need for a prompter more experienced than the one available here. The son of a choir director, Mr. Morosini has been prompting for 10 years.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that he mouths only the words, not the music, "but the music is tied to the words." A rear view mirror enables him to keep an eye on the conductor's baton in the orchestra pit.

Mr. Morosini modestly sums up his job as "helping out the singers in case of doubt." Asked whether it was not uncomfortable to be huddled up in a narrow box for three hours, Mr. Morosini answered with a smile, "Here, yes; in Italy, no." The Land of the Opera apparently builds larger cages for its prompters.

The farewell performance of Verdi's opera takes place on Saturday night, following which Maestro Giulini, the "Falstaff" singers and their prompter leave the country. Each of the 12 performances will have been attended by 3,000 persons.

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Hobbies Exhibition Extended

The Hobbies Exhibition has been extended to March 10. Visiting hours: 10 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. until Sabbath Eve on Fridays; Saturday night until midnight. Tickets for adults as well as children 750 prutа.

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First JPA Mission from Britain Due Today with 36 Delegates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first Joint Palestine Appeal-Keren Hayesod Study Mission from Britain is due here by El Al tonight for a 12-day fact-finding tour of Israel.

The 36-member delegation, which is headed by Mr. Hyam Morrison, the Honorary Treasurer of the J.P.A. in the U.K., consists of J.P.A. leaders from London and the main provincial centres, some of whom are accompanied by their wives.

During its stay the Mission will make a survey of conditions in Israel in the light of the new obligations placed upon them by Eastern European immigration. This obligation is given priority in the four-point platform for Anglo-Jewry adopted at last Saturday's J.P.A. banquet in London which launched the 1959 fund-raising campaign in the U.K. The platform also calls for special drives to assist in the elimination of the *ma'barot* and the creation of new frontier villages, and stresses the necessity for continuing aid to settlers from Britain from J.P.A. funds.

The Mission will see the arrival and reception of an immigrant ship at Haifa Port. They will meet newcomers at the new housing project in Nazareth and at the Beersheba *ma'bara*. They will also tour the northern border areas and several British kibbutzim and moshavim.

The delegation will be received by President Ben-Zvi, and they will be addressed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, at a festival farewell dinner in Jerusalem. There will also be special study sessions with members of the Government and Jewish Agency Executive, and the British Ambassador and Lady Rundall are giving a reception for the visitors. During a day with the Army the Mission will be the guests of the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov.

The members of the Mission are: Mr. and Mrs. H. Morrison; Mr. H. Crane; Mr. and Mrs. S. Beckman; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Chinn; Mr. S.N. Freyeser; Mr. R. Rurka; Mr. L. Myers; Mr. P. Blood; Dr. and Mrs. K. Goldberger; Mr. M. Oppenheim and Miss J. Oppenheim; Mr. and Mrs. P. Cussins; Mr. and Mrs. M. Cussins; Mr. and Mrs. A. Fishberg; Mrs. V. Gould; Mr. and Mrs. D. Eisman; Col. H.S. Stern; Miss M. Fogelman; Mrs. M. Kappel; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Rubens; Mr. and Mrs. H. Book; Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Osserman; Mr. M. Links; and Mr. and Mrs. L. Minta.

ANOTHER 300 housing units are to be built in Safad by the Ministry of Labour, 150 of which are to be completed during the 1959/60 fiscal year.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

FEBRUARY 25, 1959

Prop. Loans 1955-63 (1.1.59)	95½
5% Comp. Loan '54 (2)	97
Pal. Electric Bds. 'ex 1	97½
4½% Comp. Loan	97½
4½% Travel Dollar 51	97½
5% Reg. Sterling "A"	97½
Def. Loan Bonds 4½% (1)	100
4½% Def. Bonds (1)	100
3½% Def. Bonds (2)	100½
6½% Loc. G. Debs. (1)	100½
4½% Loc. G. Debs. (2)	100½
Pal. Elec. prof. sh. (Ltd.)	235
4½% Bonds 58/59 (1)	100½
ditto (2)	100½
Keren Hayesod 6½% Deb. 58/62 (1)	104½
ditto (2)	104½
5% Deb. 59/62 (1)	102½
ditto (2)	102½
Ignatz 6½% Deb. 58/62	102½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/62	102½
Class "A" (1)	102
Class "B" (2)	102½
Rassco 5% prof. ord. sh.	98
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	100
Discor Savings Cert. '59	97½
Bk. Leumi Investment Ord. sh. "B" reg.	220
Ata ord "B" sh.	88
"Eurdanah" ord. "B"	88½
5% con. Debs. 58/62	102
"Tnuva" ord. sh.	84
Pal. Cold St. (IL10.-) reg.	73
Silver 6% Debs. 58/65	217
Nir 5% prof. sh.	99
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	99
6½% Debs. 61/63 (1)	99½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	100½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord sh.	63
Mefler ord. sh. reg.	99
Pal. Brewery 6% con. Debs	102½
Assia Bejarano "B" sh.	81½
Nesher 6% Debs "A" 58/64	69
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	216
Dead Sea Works	58
Dulek ord. sh. "C"	220
Jordan Exploration Co. Ord. sh. reg.	110
G.U.S.—Rassco Ltd. 6½ Debs 61/63 (bearer)	64
Housing Loan, "A" 58/63	208
4½% (bearer) (1)	100½
Housing Loan, "C," 58/63 6%reg. (2)	100½
Clifton Ltd. 6% Debs. 61/64 (bearer)	102½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupon; d) linked with $; e) linked with ex-dividend; f) ex-rights; g) C.o.I.: 1) to % of IL1,000.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
422, 248, 32.8 & 41.7 M.
News. Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
English: 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m.
6.20 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.
11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Schubert: Overture "Rosamunde"; Mozart: Divertimento No. 11 in D; Vieuxtemps: Violin Concerto No. 5 (Soloist: Leonid Kogan); Rachmaninoff: Prelude in C-Sharp-minor. 12.00 Sephardic Tunes. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 12.45 Housewife's Request Programme. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.
4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.25 Songs by Schubert, performed by Mira Salomon (Mezzo-Soprano) with Ruth Menze (Piano) and Horst Baltrop (Horn Obligato). 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Sports. 6.40 Talmud Lesson. 7.20 Bon Ami. 7.35 "At the Crossroads." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yehezkel, Chap. 23 & 24. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Programme on Absorption of Immigration. 10.05 Echoes from the International Song Festival in Holland. 10.30 Songs and Ballads at your Request. 11.20 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 260, 202.7, 41.7 & 32.8 M.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR. 5.30 Miftal Hapayis Drawing. Concert by the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Shalom Ritkin: Ran Da-On: Suite in Ancient Style; Verdi: Two Movements from String Quartet. 6.30 "Listen & Understand." 6.55 Concert Schedule.
7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
397 & 41.67 M.
Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 4.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.)
Programme to South Africa. 6.30 News. 6.37 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 6.45 Newsreel. 6.52 Afrikaans Programme.
Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.22 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 10.30 "East to West." 10.40 The Week's Portion.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.33 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Pow & Attyo." 7.45 "Worth Listening To." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 This Week's "Dateline." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Pleasant Tunes." 9.30 Excerpts from Operas. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS
(19.68, 16.85, 13.92 & 13.82): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

THE VOICE OF AMERICA
(19 & 25 M.): 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light Music & Jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (45m & 205 M.): 7.25 a.m. News. 12.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 1.30 p.m. News. 4.30 Journey into Space. 7.00 News & Commentary. 7.15 Songs & Ballads of England & Scotland. 10.00 "From A to Z." 10.45 Voice Lewis with Duets at the Piano. 11.40 Music.

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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Intermittent rain. Weather Synopsis: Unstable Polar air continues to flow into Eastern Mediterranean.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	60	—	5	6
Tiberias	62	4	14	15
Haifa Port	59	7	13	14
Hatzerim	42	—	16	15
Tel Aviv Kiryat	59	7	12	14
Tel Aviv Port	48	8	13	14
Lydda Airport	56	4	11	14
Jerusalem	52	-2	3	6
Beersheba	43	1	9	12
Sdom	67	7	15	16
Eilat	75	6	16	17

A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum temp. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. forecast today.

RAINFALL (in mm.)

	A	B	C
Haifa Port	1.4	210.5	633
Tel Aviv Port	0.9	264.3	516
Tel Aviv Kiryat	1.5	245.9	532
Lydda Airport	2.4	221.6	436
Mt. Cana'an	16.0	504.9	728
Jerusalem	20.0	287.3	567
Beersheba	10.6	162.6	300

A — Rainfall during 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday.
B — Total since August 1, 1958.
C — Annual average.

ARRIVALS

Mr. M. Paasio, correspondent of the Finnish newspaper, "Maseudun Tulevaisuus," and M. S. Mirabi, of the Paris publication, "Les Temps Modernes," on a visit at the invitation of the Government Press Office, (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

M. R. Leibovitz, the French conductor, for Paris, after a two-week visit in which he appeared with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, (by El Al).

Mr. H. Raday, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, for Zurich en route to Buenos Aires, where he will set up a South American branch of the Investment Centre on behalf of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, (by El Al).

Mr. H. Schiff, of the President Hotel in Jerusalem, for Paris, where he will negotiate with investors on the purchase of the Nordau Plaza Hotel in Tel Aviv, (by Air France).

Mr. Y. Palmon, Counsellor to Israel's Permanent Delegation to the U.N. Office in Geneva, for Zurich, after a two-week visit, (by El Al).

AN OFFICIAL of a cooperative store in Jerusalem, Dov Rosenbaum, was on Wednesday ordered detained for seven days by Magistrate Y. Harish, on suspicion of embezzling IL7,500 from the shop during 1958.

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CURRENCY in circulation fell during the week ending Tuesday by IL4,762,499, the Bank of Israel reported on Wednesday. Foreign currency reserves rose by IL2,978,303, promissory notes and bills of exchange fell by IL3,834,702, while Treasury Bills and Government promissory notes fell by IL3,886,000. There was no change in gold reserves.

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THE SUPREME COURT on Wednesday rejected the appeal of Ya'acov Kadoorie of Magdiel against his conviction and imprisonment for four years for the knifing of the town's Deputy Mayor last summer.

Pineau Lauds Progress Seen in Israel

PARIS (INA). — Israel has "developed more beautiful than ever imagined," the former Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, said on Wednesday in addressing the France-Israel Association.

He gave the most favourable picture of his conversations with Israel leaders and his tour of the country. He reaffirmed that he had been glad to have been Foreign Minister at a time when he could help Israel in her most difficult period.

'MIRACLE MEN' HELD FOR SORCERY, FRAUD

TEL AVIV. — A "miracle worker" who claimed to specialise both in forcing reluctant husbands to grant divorces and in persuading imagined lovers to declare their love was on Wednesday brought before the Tel Aviv District Court on charges of fraud together with his accomplice.

The sorcerer, Yehiya Manjam, and his "apprentice," Nissim Vashdi, both of Beit Dagon, are charged with taking IL533 from Mrs. Zedaka Cohen after promising to enlist the aid of devils to force her husband to grant her a divorce. She is 30 and he 70 and they have been married for ten years.

The two also received a bracelet from Miss Hanna Saliman of the Etyachin *shikun* in lieu of IL100 in payment for a promise to induce a young man from the *shikun* to declare his love for her and marry her.

Vashdi pleaded not guilty, while Manjam admitted the facts as recorded in the charges, but denied his guilt.

Israel Girl to Talk With Radio-Ham Sister

A radio "ham's" conversation, conducted from the amateur station at the Hobby Exhibition in Tel Aviv with a girl in Yugoslavia, will lead to a talk between the Yugoslav girl and her sister in Israel after 6 p.m. on Thursday (today).

In sending out a call sign on Wednesday from the Exhibition, Reuven Israeli received a reply in English from Yugoslavia from a girl "ham," a rarity among radio amateurs. She interspersed her talk with a few Hebrew words, and on being queried, said her name was Lali and that she knew some Hebrew from letters she receives from her sister in Kibbutz Bin Shemer, Esther Mastero.

Arrangements were made for Esther to speak with her sister on Thursday from the Exhibition's amateur station.

Meir Rom Wins Again in Chess

Meir Rom again beat his opponents in the 9th round of the Army chess tourney on Wednesday, when he defeated Yitzhak Shapiro in the 55th move. Rom is now two points ahead of Yitzhak Helman, the runner-up. Meir Rom has 8½ points and Helman, 6½.

More Arbitration In Bikur Holim Dispute

An arbitration meeting held on Wednesday to end the strike of physicians of the Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem failed to reach any decision and will continue on Thursday (today).

The meeting was held between Mr. Reuven Shari, head of the Labour Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour, and representatives of the hospital management and the Israel Medical Association.

Pedestrian Killed While Reading Paper

A doctor who caused the death of an employee of the Jerusalem Municipality while driving a jeep was fined IL350 by Magistrate Y. Harish of Jerusalem on Wednesday.

Eyewitnesses said that Raphael Bar, 60, who was hit by Dr. Mariam Ashner, was crossing King George Avenue while reading a newspaper. The Magistrate ruled that although Dr. Ashner had been careless, he had not been criminally negligent. The victim's carelessness had contributed greatly to the accident. *(Itim)*

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Tel Aviv, February 1959

Low-Income Families to Be Exempt from Compulsory Loan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Details of the proposed IL40m. compulsory loan will be brought before the Cabinet at its next meeting on Sunday, the Finance Ministry's spokesman announced in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

The spokesman said the Treasury's intention was to exempt low-income families from contributing to the Loan. He did not define "low income," though he explained that families which do not have to pay income tax would not have to participate in the loan.

It was learned, though not confirmed, that the following grading is suggested:

- A family with 2 children will have to subscribe to the loan if its income is above IL250 a month.
- A married couple with no children will have to contribute if its income is above IL225 a month.
- A single person will have to contribute if his monthly income is over IL150.

The loan will probably be linked to the income tax and collected together with it.

Mr. Eshkol on Wednesday gave details of the proposed increases in the State Budget which he presented to the Knesset on Tuesday. He revealed that IL41m. will be spent on agriculture, of which IL20m. will go towards covering drought damage; IL10m. for housing in agricultural areas and IL1m. for regional water schemes, mainly the Yarkon-Negev Line "B." The National Water Scheme (Jordan-Negev) will receive IL9m.

Welfare Heads Meet Municipal Leaders

The Government's participation in municipal welfare budgets and the effects on these budgets of the end of food rationing were two of the topics discussed in a meeting on Wednesday between the Minister of Social Welfare, Mr. P. Naphtali, and the Director-General of the Ministry, Dr. G. Lotan, and the Deputy Mayors of Haifa, Messrs. Barzilai and Nussbaum.

The meeting was the first in a series to be held between the Minister and his Director-General and the heads of local authorities. It was also proposed to hold monthly meetings between Ministry officials and heads of the Social Welfare Departments of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

T.W.A. to Double Flights to Lydda

LYDDA AIRPORT.— T.W.A. is to double the number of its weekly flights to Israel from two to four starting in April in view of the expected increase in the tourist trade. This was reported on Wednesday by Mr. R. Mazzarrini, Vice-President of the company, prior to his departure for Paris after a four days' visit.

Israel Winter Tourist Outlook Said Better

LYDDA AIRPORT. — With improved hotel, food, and highway conditions in Israel, the prospect for winter tourism is immeasurably greater than what it was a few years ago, according to a group of tourist agency representatives from Holland who left on Wednesday after a visit of several days at the invitation of El Al.

To balance the higher costs of staying here as compared to such winter tourist centres as Spain and Italy, there is much more in Israel to interest the visitor, it was stated.

$3m. Liberia Export Agreement Signed

The Government on Wednesday signed an agreement with the Export Bank and the Mayer Investment Company to finance the export of $2.4m. worth of goods to Liberia. The goods are to be used in construction projects carried out there by joint Liberian-Israel construction firms. The projects are estimated at $10m. The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir; the Director General of the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Y. Arnon; and the Controller of Foreign Currency, Dr. Z. Dinstein, signed for the Government.

Knesset Reverses Peanut Bill Changes

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Groundnut Production and Marketing Board Bill passed its second reading in the Knesset on Wednesday. A majority of the Board's members will represent growers and dealers, while a minority will represent the Government.

Presenting the bill for its second reading, Dr. Benjamin Avniel, chairman of the Economic Committee, said that the committee's aim had been to find the golden mean between essential controls and excessive governmental interference with private enterprise. A number of changes in the Government draft had been adopted by the committee in accordance with that principle.

But yesterday the Knesset adopted 10 minority amendments proposed by Mr. Shmuel Shoresh, (Mapai), Mr. Baruch Azania (Mapai), and the Minister of Agriculture, which reversed many of the changes made by the committee.

In view of this the third reading was deferred.

The debate on the IL185m. addition to the Budget presented to the Knesset by the Finance Minister on Tuesday will be held next Monday (and not Tuesday), the Knesset Presidium has decided.

Progressives Deciding On Tax-Relief Tactics

TEL AVIV. — Differences of opinion exist within the Progressive Party about what to do should the present negotiations with Mapai on tax relief for middle-income groups prove abortive, Mr. Gideon Hausner, Chairman of the Progressive Party's convention committee, told a press conference here on Wednesday.

He said that the party executive is to decide whether to raise the question of leaving the Government Coalition on this issue at the party convention on March 8.

Mr. Hausner said that the convention would be devoted mainly to formulating demands for the adoption of a national constitution and a Bill of Rights guaranteeing the personal liberty of the citizen. It would also consider proposals for excluding politics from various Governmental and public services, and for liberalizing the economy and transforming it into one geared to exports.

He announced that the party now has over 23,000 registered members, including 1,500 Arab citizens from villages such as Tayiba, Tira, Kafr Ara and Abu Ghosh. He added that 2,000 new members, including many recent immigrants from Rumania, had lately joined the party.

Rumanian Settlers Meet in Kiryat Gat

ASHKELON.—Over 800 persons, most of them recent immigrants, participated in the founding session of the Kiryat Gat branch of the Rumanian Immigrants Association earlier this week. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman of the Kiryat Gat Local Council, Mr. Gideon Naor, and by the Chairman of the Association, Mr. Yitzhak Korn.

Immigrants from Rumania now make up over 25 per cent of Kiryat Gat's population. *(Itim)*

Four Remanded In Woman's Slaying

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT.— Four members of the Salomon family arrested this week in connection with the murder of Avigail Salomon at Kibbutz Givat Brenner on January 6, were each remanded for 15 days by Magistrate H. Alouf on Wednesday.

The four are Zion Salomon, the slain woman's husband; Pinhas Salomon, his brother; Rahel Salomon, his sister, and Meir Reuben, 25, a sergeant in the Air Force, who is also a relative. The four were brought separately before the Magistrate.

Police Inspector Nathan Kaplan, appearing on behalf of the police, requested 15 days custody for the four, "because there is reason to believe that they either committed the murder or participated in it." He said they were being held separately to prevent them from communicating with each other, for fear they interfere with the investigations.

Zion and Pinhas Salomon said nothing in Court. The husband is tall, thin and, clean-shaven, and appeared in Court in khaki trousers and a battle-dress blouse. He seemed calm while his brother, Pinhas, had a depressed air, and was unshaven.

The Air Force Sergeant asked to be released, saying that he had already told the police all he knew. He also asked that his name not be made public, but the Magistrate said he saw no reason why it should be withheld.

Rahel Salomon, a dark attractive woman, told the Court she knew nothing of the murder and also wanted to know who had killed Mrs. Salomon.

Seminar for Young Socialist Leaders

TEL AVIV. — The first international seminar for Socialist youth will open at Beit Beri, near Kfar Saba, next Monday, a Mapai spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday.

The course has been arranged by the Socialist Youth International and is being organized here by the Youth and Foreign Relations departments of Mapai.

The six-week seminar will be devoted to training leaders for Socialist youth movements abroad, especially in those countries of Africa and Asia which have recently become independent, the spokesman said.

The 30 participants will be coming from Austria, Burma, Canada, Denmark, France, West Germany, Ghana, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Luxemburg, Eastern and Western Nigeria, the Rhodesias, Sweden, Tanganyka, Uganda, South Vietnam and Yugoslavia.

Persistent Stowaway Gets 3 Months Jail

TEL AVIV. — A young man of 21 who made four attempts to leave the country illegally in the past four years was on Wednesday sentenced to three months imprisonment by Magistrate H. Ehrlich of Tel Aviv.

The accused, Ya'acov Zchuya, was found hiding in a carpenter's closet aboard a British ship in Jaffa port earlier this month. Police Inspector Dov Cohen told the court that his suspicions were aroused when he was told by the captain of the ship that four seamen were not aboard and then saw a launch with five seamen approach the vessel.

The prosecution claimed that the accused had systematically befriended foreign seamen who then helped smuggle him aboard their ships. Zchuya has a long record of leaving the country illegally. In 1954, he stole a motor launch in Haifa harbour together with a friend and ended up in Beirut where he was arrested and later returned to Israel.

A year later, the American freighter North Pilot returned to Haifa port after leaving it five days earlier in order to return Zchuya who had stowed away.

In 1956, he stowed away again aboard a Danish freighter together with a friend. When he was discovered as the ship approached Gibraltar, he jumped overboard and swam for shore.

HEARINGS ON the appeal of the eight Border Policemen found guilty of murder in the Kafr Kasim affair will end today.

Feast of St. Alexei Marked in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Russians from all parts of Israel gathered in Jerusalem on Wednesday morning to mark the Feast of St. Alexei. The feast was of double significance since it also served to honour the present Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Alexei the First. The Patriarch, who is 81, visited this country in 1946.

An impressive ceremony was conducted jointly by Archbishop Athenagoras of Sebastia, who crossed the lines from Jordan with his entourage, and Metropolitan Isidoros of Galilee. Archimandrite Nicodim, Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Israel, celebrated the mass for the last time, as he is returning on Sunday to the Soviet Union.

Mass was conducted at the green-domed Russian Cathedral in Jerusalem and a colourful procession of gold-robed Russian, Greek and Arab Orthodox priests followed the Holy Liturgy. The Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Benedictus I, who was to have crossed from Jordan for the feast, was delayed by the bad weather and did not arrive until the afternoon.

Among the congregants were the Russian Consul General and other Soviet Consular officials from Tel Aviv, the Greek diplomatic representative, representatives of East European missions, and other representations.

Among those also present were the Jerusalem District Representative, Mr. S.B. Yeshaya, the Jerusalem District Officer, Mr. R. Levy, representatives of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, and other Government officials.

After the ceremony the guests bade farewell to Archimandrite Nicodim, who has been in this country since 1955 and was installed as Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in 1957.

Vodka and caviar were served at the reception following the service, with kasher dishes for the Jewish guests.

On Wednesday, Archimandrite Nicodim paid a farewell call on the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Toledano.

Storm Lashes Israel Coast

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clear sky, but these became quickly overcast.

The inclement weather helped encourage a run on winter clothing sales. One large outfitter did a roaring trade in heavy, lined overcoats.

In another shop there was a long argument between a red-nosed shivering woman and her husband, and an assistant with chattering teeth. The couple were trying to persuade the assistant to sell some summer clothing at bargain prices before the end of the winter sales season on Friday.

Class Ceiling Falls

Further down the coast at Ashkelon, the wind subsided on Wednesday and there was no rain throughout the day. When the caretaker of the Afridar elementary school opened the building in the morning, he found that the ceiling of one of the classrooms had collapsed, and that those in three other rooms had developed alarming cracks. The principal prohibited the further use of these rooms, and it is expected that children will have to attend the second shift.

Electric company linesmen were especially busy in the central coastal area, where high winds tore down power cables. Residents of Gan Yavne sent out S.O.S. calls to the police after many roofs had been blown off.

Vehicles found it difficult to travel on the Ashdod road which was covered with a deep layer of sand. A house in Ramle was evacuated because it was in danger of collapsing.

A similar situation prevailed in Beersheba, where the Municipality's Engineering Department is keeping a constant watch on houses which may collapse after the heavy rain. Rainfall in the Beersheba region has now reached 105mm. for this winter, compared with last winter's total of 102mm. Municipal workers are busy hauling away fallen trees, and chopping down others which are in danger of toppling over.

The road to Eilat, which was closed during Tuesday night, was opened to traffic in the morning. Beersheba traffic police have increased road patrols. The Post Office delivered all the mail, although at times detours of dozens of kilometres were made when flash floods cut off roads. With half the postal employees in the town down with flu, the rest are doubling their work hours.

There was still snow on Mitzpe Ramon, but there was no fresh snowfall. Heavy rain was reported from the northern Negev and from Dimona.

Beersheba-Jerusalem telephone communications were cut off most of the day.

Children Playing in the snow at the base of the Menora on King George Avenue in Jerusalem yesterday morning. Photo by Hellwig

Would-be Emigrant Must Serve in Army

The attempts of a young man whose parents have emigrated to the U.S. and who is now serving in the Army to be released from the service in order to join them, came to naught on Wednesday when the High Court of Justice discharged an order *nisi* it had granted earlier against the Minister of Defence.

The applicant, Leo Meitner, had originally requested an exit permit from the Ministry of Interior before he was liable for military service. The Ministry had demanded a release from the Ministry of Defence, and despite the fact that he claimed that he did not require such a release as he was under-age, he did in fact get one. The release document was transferred to the Ministry of Interior only six days before the date of his call-up and the Ministry purposely held up the grant of his exit permit until after that date, he claimed.

The High Court found that there was no basis for his complaint against the Ministry of Defence, which had given him the requested release in good time. Noting that the applicant himself admitted that he could not possibly have left the country during the six days in question, the Court discharged the order *nisi*. *(Itim)*

Guilty of Offering IL5 Bribe

A Ramat Gan cafe owner was sent to prison for four weeks, three of which were suspended, and fined IL300 on Wednesday for trying to bribe a Government official. The Jerusalem Magistrate, Mr. M. Levy, found that the cafe owner, Yehoshua Ben-Ya'acov, 66, had offered IL5 to an official of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Lippa Lapid, to allow the import of an ice-cream making machine.

Ben Ya'acov left an envelope with the money on the official's desk, but the official gave it back to him and made him apologize when Ben Ya'acov told him what it was for.

Ben-Ya'acov told the Court that he had not intended bribing Mr. Lapid. The envelope probably got left on the desk together with other papers, he said. *(Itim)*

A 59-YEAR-OLD woman of Kfar Yavne, Salamah Irmani, was seriously injured when her clothes caught alight from a kerosene stove on Tuesday evening. She was taken to the Kaplan Hospital.

Ambulances Need Radio Contact

Radio-communication sets in ambulances would obviate delay in first-aid services such as was in some way responsible for the death of Mr. Yacobowitz in Jerusalem, last week, Magen David Adom said on Wednesday.

In its investigation into why an ambulance did not arrive in time at the Jewish Agency where Jacobowitz had been found unconscious at his desk, MDA found that when the first telephone message was received, the caller was told that the ambulance was out on duty and that it would be sent to the Agency as soon as it returned.

Attempts to contact the ambulance were foiled because the phone lines were jammed with eight calls from various Agency officials.

The MDA inquiry found that it was essential to provide more than one duty ambulance at a time, and to set up a radio communication system between the ambulances and the first aid station.

Israel Newsmen Have Mid-Air Fete

LYDDA. — An impromptu celebration was held in a T.W.A. aircraft flying between Rome and Nice on Tuesday night when the captain announced the news that the wife of one of the passengers, Mr. Zvi Zeitlin, of "Lamerhav," had given birth to a daughter in Beilinson Hospital.

Mr. Zeitlin is one of a party of eight Israel journalists at present on a tour of Europe and the U.S. as the guests of the Better Packaging Institute, to study citrus packing methods.

The Israel party was treated to champagne by the captain of the airliner, as the other passengers, joining in the celebrations, also raised their glasses to wish Mr. Zeitlin "Mazal Tov." He said he would call his daughter Nitzah (Hebrew for blossom, and also of the town Nice).

Manufacturers Blame Voluntary Loan

HAIFA. — But for the reports on plans for a compulsory loan, private industry in Haifa would have subscribed to more than its share of IL200,000 of the voluntary Immigration Loan, the local branch of the Manufacturers Association said in a press statement on Tuesday.

Eliahu Berligne Dead at 94

TEL AVIV. — Eliahu Meir Berligne, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, veteran Zionist, former Treasurer of the Vaad Leumi and member of the Second Aliya, died here on Tuesday night aged 94.

The funeral will leave the Tel Aviv Municipal Hospital at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Before that his body will lie in the hospital where the public and his many friends will be able to pay their last respects.

Eliahu Berligne was born in Mohilev, White Russia, in 1866. He studied law at the University of Moscow and was active in the Zionist movement immediately after its inception, serving as a delegate to several Zionist Congresses. He came to Palestine in 1905 to study investment possibilities here and returned with his family to settle in Jaffa two years later.

He was active in many economic enterprises and also devoted much time to public work. He was one of the founders of Tel Aviv, and served as a member of the Municipal Committee. From 1921-28 he was the first general manager of the Workers Bank and later served as Treasurer of the Vaad Leumi, the governing body of the Jewish Community under the Mandatory regime.

The climax of his career was his being chosen as a member of the Provisional State Council in 1948, representing the General Zionist faction which later became the Progressive Party, in which capacity he signed the Declaration of Independence.

The Progressive Party leader, Mr. Moshe Kol, on Wednesday said that the memory of Eliahu Berligne as a leader of Democratic Zionism and as one of the State's founding fathers would live forever in the hearts of the Jewish community in Israel. He especially recalled Berligne's efforts on behalf of the young Zionist pioneers who came to this country before the establishment of the State.

Avriel Returns To Ghana Capital

The Ambassador to Ghana, Mr. Ehud Avriel, left Israel on Wednesday to return to Accra after three weeks here for consultations.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Avriel and Dr. Daniel Lewin, the Ambassador to Burma, were the main speakers at a meeting of the Mapai "Young Circle" at Beit Beri in Tsofit to discuss Israel's relations with the Afro-Asian countries.

Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K. and Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., took part in the discussions.

Israel Expert To Thailand for I.L.O.

Mr. Hanoch Smith, Assistant Government Statistician in the Central Bureau of Statistics, left on Wednesday for Bangkok on a three-month mission on behalf of the I.L.O. to advise the Thailand Government on research into the standard of living in that country.

INTEGRATION. — Police broke up a demonstration on Tuesday night in front of the newly-acquired home of a Negro couple in a previously all-White suburb in Wilmington, Delaware. Seven persons were arrested and two injured slightly.

They Made Their Wills, —Then Died

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — "No one but Allah knows what will happen," Nusrallah Abu Sinnih, 75, told his close friend Mussah Amash, 90, on Tuesday. Both of them then made their wills, dividing their property among their sons.

By midnight, both men, who are merchants, died natural deaths.

'MARCH OF PRUTOT' BEGINS ON SUNDAY

TEL AVIV. — This year's "March of Prutot" in aid of Ilanshil-Polio will be launched on Sunday, Mr. David Hegmoni, Chairman of the Campaign, told a press conference on Wednesday.

He claimed that expenses had been cut to a bare minimum and that almost his entire staff now consisted of volunteers.

The general lines of the campaign would follow the previous year's pattern, including the distribution of cardboard containers for 100-pruta coins, which had proved a marked success and been willingly accepted everywhere.

An innovation will be the introduction of Ilanshil stamps, to be offered as small change at leading stores throughout the country.

Dr. N. Goldblum said that plans were being made to vaccinate all children under eight in families where there has been a case of polio and who were therefore considered particularly susceptible. Additional booster shots of the new vaccine would also be given to all children born in 1956 and 1957.

Dr. Goldblum blamed part of last year's epidemic on the poor public reaction to immunization appeals. He claimed that 40 per cent of all infants had not been immunized at the prescribed periods. One-third of the victims had not been immunized at all, while a second third had only received two inoculations.

Appealing for more active support from the public, Mrs. Betty Dubiner, Chairman of the Financial Committee, pointed out that Ilanshil-Polio was at present taking care of some 2,500 crippled children and that its requirements for the coming year would probably exceed IL500,000.

Premier Eulogizes Yehuda Arazi

TEL AVIV. — Yehuda Arazi, the Haganah's underground purchasing officer, and a leading organizer of "illegal" immigration, who died on Tuesday of cancer after lengthy hospitalisation, was buried at the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery on Wednesday.

The funeral, in which many of his former comrades participated, left from the Fire Brigade Hall after a eulogy from the Prime Minister was read by the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Shimon Peres.

Mr. Ben-Gurion wrote that, even though many of those who came to Israel after its establishment may not know Arazi's name nor of his accomplishments, all those who were active in the field of self-defence and "illegal" immigration during the mandatory period certainly realized the greatness of the loss in Arazi's death.

Arazi was part of the small and dedicated group of men, the Prime Minister continued, who several years before the establishment of the Israel Defence Forces began systematic arms purchases that were later to lead to their miraculous victories on the field of battle. Yehuda Arazi undoubtedly deserves part of the credit for these victories.

At the graveside, the deceased was eulogized by the Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov. Among those attending the funeral were Mayor Haim Levanon, the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Yosef Nahmias, Aluf Moshe Dayan, Cabinet Ministers, senior Army officers and Haganah veterans.

Piaf Recovering After Ulcer Surgery

NEW YORK (UPI).—French singer Edith Piaf, 43, on Wednesday was reported recovering satisfactorily from surgery to halt internal bleeding caused by gastric ulcers.

Surgeons operated on the tiny chanteuse Tuesday night at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Centre where she had been rushed earlier in the day from her hotel suite. She became ill last Wednesday and was forced to cancel her singing engagement in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel's Empire Room, a Carnegie Hall concert and an appearance on the Ed Sullivan TV Show.

Notts. Crushes Birmingham

LONDON (Reuter). — Nottingham Forest, polished and powerful, crushed Birmingham City, 5-0, in their English F.A. Cup Fifth round second replay at Leicester on Monday.

From the start there was only one team in the game. Forest, playing copybook football, made Birmingham look novices, and in a 17-minute spell in the second half they rammed home three goals.

In another replay, the Cup holders, Bolton Wanderers, beat Preston, North End, 1-0 at Blackburn with a goal by Nat Lofthouse, their England international centre-forward, taking them into the sixth round. Bolton deserved their success, for their speedy forwards were much more dangerous than the Preston attack, which seldom moved as a cohesive force. Both defences were sound.

A crowd of 51,000 watched the match, bringing the total attendance to over 146,000 for the original fifth round tie and two replays between the clubs. The draw for the sixth round now reads: Sheffield United v Norwich City; Nottingham Forest v Bolton Wanderers; Aston Villa v Burnley; Blackpool v Luton Town.

Israel Participating In Lyons Fair

PARIS. — Israel will participate for the first time in the Lyons Fair, to be held April 4 to 13, it was reported here Wednesday. The Israel pavilion will display industrial and agricultural products.

In Tomorrow's 12-Page Issue Of THE JERUSALEM POST

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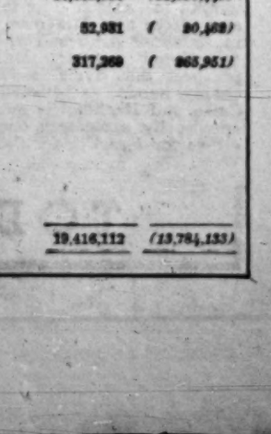

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SHARE CAPITAL—Paid up	1,735,274	(1,735,274)
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS SHARES	172,400	—
CAPITAL AND GENERAL RESERVES	800,000	(800,000)
BALANCE OF PROFIT	26,074	(15,876)
	2,733,748	(2,551,150)
DEBENTURES (of which debentures in the amount of IL.3,000,000 are linked to the Dollar)	3,181,538	(167,941)
LOANS from the Treasury and others, (of which loans in the amount of IL.6,191,310 are linked to the Dollar on the customary terms)	13,120,995	(10,874,463)
SUNDRY CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS, (including proposed dividend)	379,831	(190,579)
	19,416,112	(13,784,133)

	IL.	(31.12.1957) IL.
INVESTMENTS SECURITIES — at cost or under	2,444,326	(2,241,271)
LOANS (of which loans in the amount of IL.9,167,534 are linked to the Dollar on the customary terms)	16,601,586	(11,356,449)
SUNDRY DEBTORS	52,981	(90,462)
CASH AT BANK	317,269	(965,951)
	19,416,112	(13,784,133)

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THE Egypt-Syria merger, which obtained its stamp of approval a year ago this week with the election of Colonel Nasser as President of the new Republic, has not been what can be called a going concern; although it is too early even now to make predictions about the future, recent reports suggest that the prospects for its final success are far from bright. Nasser himself has repeatedly spoken of "difficulties" and "plots" which he claimed stood in the way of the union. Indeed, soon after the merger was proclaimed, Cairo began to have difficulties in running the "Northern Region" from such a distance, while the politically-minded Syrian intelligentsia felt acute disillusion.

WHITHER U.A.R.?

Last September, when things began to look doubtful in Damascus, Cairo decided to take the initiative and introduced a series of reforms and regulations to tighten its grip on the increasingly unruly Syrians. The Agrarian Reform Law was followed by an even more daring measure abolishing Syrian tribal laws and courts; emergency regulations were revised, a joint Board for Oil Affairs set up and an overall reorganization was carried out in the Region's administration. Sabri el-Assali, independent Syria's last Prime Minister, was dropped as Nasser's Deputy, ostensibly for having supported a projected Iraqi - Syrian union some years earlier.

These measures indicated that Nasser was determined to hold Syria at all costs. They did not have the desired effect, however, and discontent in the Northern Region mounted last December when it was announced that the currencies in the two countries would be unified and Cairo severely restricted export and import trade there to protect Egypt's position. President Nasser tried to blame this discontent on the Communists, but the seeds of dissension and separatism had always been there, and no attempt to make the Communists appear the main culprits could succeed.

What of the future? Nasser can certainly hold Syria with a strong-hand policy as long as Baghdad abstains from active interference. But the union, which from the very beginning was criticized as impractical, remains difficult of realization in any meaningful and fruitful way. The difficulties are inherent in the union's constitution: the two countries lack territorial contiguity; their respective economics are competitive rather than complementary; a great gulf yawns between their respective standards of living, of literacy and of political consciousness; and the two peoples hardly know one another.

Of even more importance in this respect is the gradual emergence of Iraq as a serious competitor for the Syrians' friendship. Brigadier-General Kassem may or may not be a pro-Communist, but his bid for Arab leadership is obviously upsetting Nasser's designs. Nasser's monopoly of Arab nationalist leadership, which he held almost unopposed for the past few years, is being challenged for the first time by someone of similar calibre and reputation.

The impact of all this on Nasser's affairs in the Syrian region is becoming obvious. The Communists are certainly not the only people in Syria who are turning to Baghdad for guidance and leadership. Nasser will put up fierce resistance against any attempt to snatch Syria away from him. Moreover, in its wider Arab and international context, the prospect that Syria may change hands as between Cairo and Baghdad is not necessarily a pleasing one either for Israel or for the West.

Franco on the Defensive

Political Stirrings Met with Comparative Restraint

By RICHARD S. MOWRER

MADRID. — A SIGNIFICANT aspect of the unsettled political situation in Spain today is that, for the first time, the Franco regime seems to be on the defensive.

Political dissidence is more widespread, more openly defiant than ever, yet the authorities are not reacting with their customary vigour. Critics of the Franco State are getting away with more than would have been possible a few months, even weeks, ago.

The following events are symptomatic of the regime's current, though probably temporary, inclination towards leniency:

On January 29, 87 Spaniards assembled in Madrid's Hotel Menfis to partake of chicken with mushrooms and icecream cake and to proclaim their distaste for the regime. The banquet was organized by a monarchist organization founded a year and a half ago called Union Espanola. This body represents monarchists who at one time were for Franco but who have now turned against him and want a restoration that would place the exiled Pretender, Don Juan de Bourbon, on the throne.

Odd Bedfellows

The interesting thing about the Menfis banquet, aside from speeches which would normally have been regarded as intolerably subversive, was the presence of non-monarchist, republican - minded Spaniards. They represented Christian Democrat and liberal tendencies. Last year some of them had sought to organize an opposition alliance extending from Left (but excluding the Communists) to Right, but failed, largely because of socialist reluctance to join. Now these people are exploring the possibility of going along with the Union Espanola, apparently convinced that the only way to ease Franco out of power is to bring back the monarchy to Spain.

The Union Espanola is at odds with other monarchists, less democratic-minded elements who accept continued collaboration with Franco on the basis of gradual transition toward a monarchy that would retain some of the features of the Franco State.

Despite the blatantly illegal nature of the Menfis gathering and the hostile tone of the speeches criticizing the regime, the authorities did nothing. Then, after six days, plain-clothes police appeared at the homes of five members of the Union Espanola and politely requested them to come along to security headquarters for questioning. After a few hours, during which snacks and vermouth were provided, the five monarchists were allowed to go home. It is noteworthy that, unlike the Socialists arrested at three in the morning last November, the Monarchists were picked up at the more respectable hour of nine a.m.

On February 2 the trial took place of the most outspoken of all the regime's critics, Dionisio Ridruejo. Ridruejo is a former Falangist, author of the words of the Party's anthem, *Cara al Sol*, a Blue Division veteran. He broke with the Party 10 years ago and today is the liberal-minded leader of the embryonic — and illegal — Party for Social Democratic Action. The charges against him were that he insulted the Chief of State in an interview published in a Cuban weekly, and that he had been carrying on illegal propaganda.

The State had gone on record, some months ago, as demanding a nine-year sentence for each offence. But in court the prosecution trimmed this request to one year and eight months so that the sentence would be automatically nullified by last December's amnesty decree in honour of the new Pope, John XXIII.

Public Trial

The trial was public, the judge even insisting that the courtroom doors be kept open so the crowd pressing in from outside could listen. During a recess black-robed lawyers crowded around Ridruejo, laughing and patting him on the back, as if he were guest of honour at a social function. An odd feature of the case was that Ridruejo's defending counsel, Ruiz Gallardon, was arrested with Ridruejo in connection with the student riots of 1956 and is himself awaiting trial. Both men have been out on bail.

Just recently members of the Madrid bar association held a full-dress meeting of unprecedented significance. The highlight of the occasion was a speech to the effect that all political prisoners should be freed immediately.

What is behind the regime's restraint toward what it cannot but regard as subversion? Observers suspect that government policy at the moment is to avoid doing anything which might stir up resentment abroad. Spain is in the grip of a severe economic crisis and needs help. It is hoped here that the visits of delegations from the International Monetary Fund and OEEC will result in speedy alleviation of the regime's economic and financial difficulties. It seems reasonable to suppose that the Spanish Government, anxious to achieve acceptance and respectability abroad, does not want to antagonize foreign opinion by slapping down Spanish subversives at this time.

This does not mean that Franco intends to let things get out of hand or retire soon to permit the monarchy to return. The dissident factions in Spain may be more numerous and more vocal than ever, but the fact remains that they have no popular following. Police vigilance and the absence of a free press are effectively keeping the population in the dark regarding the current political stirrings.

Spain's Economy in Trouble

By ESTEBAN GROSS

LONDON (OFNS).— SPANISH bankers, economists and industrialists are now admitting even to foreigners that the country's economic situation is unlikely to be improved under the present administration. They place the responsibility for the present state of affairs on the badly-run INI (Instituto Nacional de Industrial), the State organization which controls much of Spanish industry. They also complain that the tight system of controls and licences, with its attendant trail of corruption, hampers private initiative.

Spanish and foreign experts believe, too, that however necessary a limited industrialization of the country may be, the considerable progress made in this direction is mainly superficial and self-defeating. The present industrialization plan — they argue — besides being too ambitious for the resources of the country, has been ill-conceived and badly carried out. The modernization of agriculture, the real economic strength of the country has, by comparison, lagged behind. The result of all this is that Spanish manufactured goods in general are not only too expensive to compete in foreign markets, but frequently, as in the case of refrigerators, for example, are more expensive than superior imported ones from abroad, bearing heavy taxes, that is when an import permit is granted.

Peseta Drops

The maintenance and further development of the present industrialization plan is now being hampered by lack of foreign currencies to pay for the necessary machinery and tools. The present dollar reserve is estimated to be less than $80m., and while the cost of living continues its unchecked rise, the peseta has now fallen to 170 pesetas to the pound in the London free market as against 117, the Spanish official rate of exchange.

Against this background must be viewed the recent discovery of large transfers of private Spanish funds to Switzerland which, American experts estimate, amount to some $280m. This disclosure has deeply shocked the public. The amount involved, and the continued silence of the Spanish authorities, despite a promised inquiry, have produced a crop of rumours and accusations from which not even the Caudillo's family circle is free. And despite all that has so far been published, it would appear that the financial scandal is even bigger than had been supposed. The extent of Spanish funds deposited in Swiss banks and in other countries is still kept secret, though well-informed financial circles estimate the whole amount to be well in the neighbourhood of $1,000m.

This disclosure, in itself an indication of panic about the future of the Spanish regime, is acting as a delayed bombshell. Cynicism is giving way to indignation, and many responsible Spaniards are now wondering how long America will continue to give economic assistance to a country whose authorities tolerate a dispersal of capital abroad at a moment when the national economy is so desperately in need of foreign currencies to survive.

The Church, part of the Army and banking and industrial circles still believe that an early restoration of the monarchy could pave the way for a clean-up of the administration, and thus avoid a catastrophic end of the dictatorship.

—We Must Do Something for the Aliya!

Purchase-tax went up by 10-15%. (From the Press)

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Purchase Tax Hits Workers

WHILE agreeing that there is no escape from the increased budget tabled in the Knesset by the Minister of Finance, Al Hamishmar (Mapam) raises objections to the way it is to be implemented. The imposition of indirect taxes will prove an additional burden on the masses, while the well-to-do, classical shirkers when it comes to national duty, will again escape their proportional share of the burden. Any attempt to evade the need to rectify this social injustice, avers the paper, is a studied refusal to take notice of the inestimable damage it is bound to incur.

Omer (Histadrut) writes that besides enthusiastic exponents of the aliya from Eastern Europe, there is a host of detractors. Alongside the Arabs and their sympathizers in various parts of the world, the "American Council for Judaism" has raised its voice and warned that both the Jews and Christians in the United States calling for support of immigration to Israel "are playing the Soviet game."

The IL106m. Kupat Holim budget for the coming year, anticipating a IL4m. deficit, gives Davar (Histadrut) "furiously to think" that not everything is being done to ensure the financial health of an institution concerned with the health of 1,300,000 persons and it adds that while there is room for calling upon the Government to increase its assistance, individual members should ask themselves whether they are paying their "ceiling" obligations in helping the Fund.

Herut writes that the Minister of Education owes the Publishers' Association and the general public an explanation of his decision to award a monopoly for children's books to a firm without declaring a tender, for trespassing on private initiative and for allocating IL-45,000 for the purpose at a time when the State is in financial straits and the entire operation deemed unnecessary. His failure to explain is to be interpreted as contempt of public opinion.

Modern Beersheba Turns Nine with Healthy Budget

By B. BEN-ADI

NINE years ago today, on February 26, 1950, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, then Minister of the Interior, transferred the city of Beersheba from the Military Governor, Ravi Seren (now Sgan-Alut) Michael Hanegbi, to the civilian authorities at the first session of the newly constituted municipal committee at an impressive ceremony at the soldiers' hostel. The Chairman of that committee was Mr. David Tuviyahu, who later became mayor. Mr. Tuviyahu, who still holds that position, says in one of his pensive moods that if he had known of the trials and tribulations awaiting him during those nine difficult years, he certainly would not have had the courage to undertake the task.

The nine-member committee, comprised, in addition to Mr. Tuviyahu, Messrs. Avraham Hellman (Deputy Chairman), David Raines, Yaacov Berdichevsky, Arieh Levin, Yitzhak Avirah, Yosef Sleifer, Ze'ev Zarizi and Shmuel Fraenkel. Only the last two are still councillors. Mr. Zarizi (Mapam) is a Deputy Mayor, while Mr. Fraenkel is the Hapoel Hamizrahi representative on the council.

Veteran Beersheba residents also remember the first Town Clerk, Mr. Zvi Berman, the Treasurer, Mr. Ephraim Freud (today controller of the City's Treasury and the only municipal employee to serve through the entire nine years), and Mr. Oscar Zill, the first City Engineer.

It is a far cry from the day when Mr. Tuviyahu had to borrow IL500 from Solel Boneh to tide the town over until it was able to raise part of its IL83,000 budget. This year's budget amounts to IL4m., only eight per cent of which is provided by the Government as compared with 50 per cent nine years ago. One can judge how quickly the town has grown by comparing the IL4,500 allocated for education in 1950 with the IL1,150,000 budgeted for that purpose this year.

The Beersheba Municipality will mark its ninth birthday in an original manner on March 19—the Hebrew date of the anniversary — by holding a modest *kumsitz*.

Safad Ulpan Cuts Course To Only Four Months

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI

DIRECTOR David Bergson of Safad's Ulpan Ben Yehuda has set out to prove to the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Education that an ulpan can be completed in four months instead of five — thus saving IL100,000 in public funds each year.

At his ulpan, on the landscaped grounds of the Agency's rest home, many of the 120 students have rings under their eyes — but they do not complain.

They are brand-new immigrants, 95 per cent of whom hail from Rumania, and none have been in Israel more than two months. They have come to the ulpan, which opened a month ago, from a variety of towns, moshavim and kibbutzim, and they represent a wide range of professions, from university professors to attorneys and nurses. The largest single group is accountants and bookkeepers—no less than 40 of them.

Middle-Age

The average age of the students is over 40 — younger immigrants generally attend ulpanim in kibbutzim, where they can work half a day and support themselves. At Ulpan Ben Yehuda, however, study is more intensive. Mornings are given over to classes, afternoons to homework under the guidance and with the assistance of the teachers, evenings to cultural activity and civic issues. Living and eating in, the pupils save additional time, although 15 are "externs" who live in Safad.

Assisted by his four teachers, Bergson — no relative of the French philosopher — has adopted a method aiming at encouraging the pupil by confronting him with as few errors as possible. Each mistake is corrected in only one of the students' notebooks, preventing the feeling of hopelessness the student is likely to get when he sees a passage full of corrections. At the same time, the right expression or spelling appears on the blackboard, so that the pupils have only the correct version before their eyes.

How do the students find Israel? Better than they expected. Young Dr. Mordecai Kizilstein, who recently completed his studies at an Hungarian university, was told by the mayor of his hometown that he was making a great mistake to go to a land like Israel, where starvation reigns. Mordecai's answer was to give up meat and abundant meals, so as to accustom himself and his organism to the shortage of hunger-stricken Israel. Blonde, modest Rachel S., an educator and philologist who came to this country all by herself, detects a similarity between quaint Safad and Simferopol, which she knows so well. Both want to continue in their professions, are willing to live anywhere they can practise them.

From this point of view, in a country which preaches the dispersal of its population it was an excellent idea to organize the ulpan in the relatively out-of-the-way location of Safad. The nurses at the Ulpan visited the local Government hospital, where they were promised work as soon as they know Hebrew. A Safad firm has already hired one of the accountants at ulpan, and a course teaching Israel practices and terminology in accounting, taught by a Ministry of Labour expert, will follow the current ulpan in May.

The Agency provides the ulpan's budget and the workers; the Ministry of Education the teachers, the textbooks and the pedagogic guidance. The cost of the entire course to the students is IL280, which they will pay in 30 monthly instalments when they get a job.

Pilferage at Post Office Alleged

Readers' Letters

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a victim of an experience similar to that reported by Mrs. Menahem in your issue of February 10, I cannot but agree with all that has been written regarding pilfered parcels, and no explanation from the Post Office Management, however factual, can convince me that packages from abroad are not pilfered at this end.

Towards the end of last year my son was sent a package by steamer mail from India containing paper kites — a sport much enjoyed by the young and not-so-young in the East. In due course I received the usual notification and my husband and I collected the package from the Yehuda Halevy Post Office and carried it home in good faith to have it opened by our son. I hate to recall the lad's consternation and utter disappointment on opening the parcel to find not a single kite — I repeat not a single kite — in the package. We immediately returned to the Parcel Office and confronted the officials there with the empty package — incidentally, the contents were clearly stated on the wrapper as "25 paper kites" (if the pilferer had left a dozen, then perhaps this incident would never have been revived). Anyway, all we received at the Parcel Office was the sympathy of the officials with the added remark that the contents could have been pilfered at the other end!

Perhaps the Post Office Management can explain how a similar package, sent this time by airfreight (at considerable expense to the sender) arrived intact and was opened, inspected and duly assessed in my presence at the Customs Shed at Lydda airport?

I have no desire to start a correspondence with the Post Office Management at this stage as no useful purpose would be served — besides it was only recently that I disposed of all the evidence (wrapping material, the sight of which always infuriated me) in this connection. The incident has only been revived on reading of a similar experience and if more such incidents are brought to the notice of the authorities, perhaps something will be done so that recipients of packages from abroad will have the satisfaction of enjoying their contents before some one else has a go at them.

Yours, etc.
A. ZACHARIAH
Tel Aviv, February 12.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For five years I have been receiving one kilogramme of coffee monthly from my brother in Mexico. During the last year, no less than six parcels have gone astray. I have heard similar complaints about pilfered parcels from friends who receive monthly parcels from England. Even when I produced two receipts from my brother, at the request of the Postmaster, I was told that nothing could be done.

I agree with Mrs. Menahem completely, and find the Post Office reply not only unsatisfactory but even ridiculous.

Yours, etc.
G. COHEN
Kibbutz Kfar Menahem, February 12.

I.P.O. CONCERT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his review of the I.P.O.'s Fifth Subscription Concert in Jerusalem on February 15, (your issue of February 18) your critic states that the Schumann Piano Concerto was chosen for performance "probably out of convenience..." and that "it is terribly overplayed and should be given a rest for a while."

I suppose one can say that all the outstanding concertos are "overplayed." I chose the Schumann mainly because it has not been played at an I.P.O. subscription concert in Jerusalem since January 1955. Your critic's remark calls to my mind what Neville Cardus, the eminent English music critic, said to me the last time I appeared in London—namely, that one must always remember that in every audience there are many people who are hearing even well-known works for the first time, and therefore he does not believe that one can say of any work that it is hackneyed or over-played.

As to your critic's belief that one rehearsal is insufficient, he must surely be aware that it is customary all over the world to have only one rehearsal with the soloist for a concerto with which the orchestra is familiar. I may also mention that I have played many times under the baton of Mr. Singer and I am happy to say that our musical understanding of one another is excellent.

Yours, etc.,
PNINA SALZMAN
Tel Aviv, February 19.

DAGON SILO CAPACITY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—A typographical error seems to have occurred in today's item about a U.S. Government loan to help Dagon double its capacity. Your report says that the silo capacity would be doubled to 21,000 tons. This should be 41,000 tons as your figure refers to its present capacity.

We should like to add that the speed of unloading will also be doubled, so that we will be able to unload 800,000 tons of grain a year.

Yours, etc.
DAGON LTD.
Haifa, February 18.

BIKKUR HOLIM STRIKE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—In your issue of today you quoted me as saying, in reference to the strike at the Bikkur Holim Hospital, that "I hope that wisdom will prevail over clashes between personalities." What I said was that I hope that "wisdom will prevail over feelings and interests."

Yours, etc.
Dr. H. KAGAN
Jerusalem, February 22.

SHOLOM TLEICHEM STAMP

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Sholom Aleichem stamp is most attractive, but would it not be appropriate to inscribe on it the date to which the centenary refers?

Yours, etc.
Dr. S. U. NAHON
Jerusalem, February 19.

NATURE NOTES

Wild Lilies Burst Out

A LITTLE later than in other years because of the drought, the spring flowers have now burst out in great masses in the hills and on waste places. In all my decades in this country, I do not remember seeing so many anemones, nor so many asphodel lilies.

This is a most decorative plant, two or three feet high, with graceful lanceolate leaves, and in the middle, one branched raceme of small flowers, only a few of which are open at the same time. But the buds are very pretty, too, clustered close, shaped like wheat kernels, and pinker than the opened flowers which are only faintly apple-blossom colour. Each petal, however, has a pinkish-brown stripe running lengthwise, and the node in the centre of the flower which bears the pistil and stamens is distinctly pink. Each of the six stamens bears a ball of cinnamon-coloured pollen which add a little colour. The beauty of the plant lies in its shape, with the graceful, tall, plentifully branched stem and its delicate little stars.

Its Hebrew name is Irith, not to be confused with Irus. Irith (written with an 'ain) is a lily, and Irus (with an aleph) is the Iris, also a bulb. Most of the irises, among which are our most beautiful wildflowers, come later — now, in February, there is only the indigenous Palestine iris, a tiny cream-coloured, stemless thing.

P. A.

KEEPING POSTED

OUR Nahariya correspondent, who maintains the old pre-Nazi German traditions of that place for accepting the dictates of authority blindly, writes he is much impressed with the ingenuity of a friend of his who had trouble with the bank. He had received a cheque from another person, referred to as XY; the sort of person, it seems, from whom you are glad to get a cheque at all. When he went to cash it the clerk did some close figuring and told him it was not covered. They could not cash it. The cheque was for IL95, but a quick look over the clerk's shoulder had shown him that the account was only about IL5 short of that sum. He went to another counter and paid in IL6.500 in favour of XY. Half an hour later he tried again and got his money.

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THE Post Office, on the other hand, tends to be always one jump ahead. We have often wondered how it was this is the only Government Office to make a profit. The reason is that they know their public and are well prepared for its inevitable lapses. In December we were warned that our Radio Licence expired at the year's end but were glad to learn that we would be given till February 15 to renew it. As we suffer from the chronic illness of postponing payment as long as possible we unfortunately let the fateful day slip by. On February 18, when we discovered our oversight, we hastily went to a branch post-office in the vain hope that the sleepy-eyed clerk wouldn't notice that we had once more been remiss. After gulping down the remainder of his sandwich he summarily demanded IL11.400, which we paid without demur. But we were surprised to receive our card back bearing a bright orange stamp printed specially in advance for late payers, with IL8.400 for the licence and IL3 defence levy, instead of the usual blue stamp bearing the legend IL7 and IL3 defence levy.

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MONDAY night's heavy snow-fall was heralded by low clouds and a high wind in Jerusalem. A friend with romantic tendencies reported there was no sense in staying indoors: much too cold. The thing to do, she decided, was to go out and brave the elements and warm up in the process. It was snowing off and on. She took a draughty bus up to Talpiot to see the hills blanketed in white, as the newspapers put it. Up at Ramat Rachel it was raining, not snowing at all. The fields looked wet and ordinary. There was too much mist and low-flying cloud to see very far. The driver warned her to make sure she didn't miss the bus back. Everybody else was hurrying to get indoors. She would have been embarrassed to explain that she had come to commune with the elements and didn't want a bus back. The hillock above Ramat Rachel was muddy and obstructed by barbed wire and metal objects that might well be mines and shells left over from the war. There was quite a lot of wind, but even the rain had stopped. A car pulled up on the road and the driver called out to ask whether she wanted a lift into town. Not knowing what to answer she waved vaguely back at him. The sky was swollen and blue-black but over Bethlehem it opened up in a patch of brilliant light that shone on the little white cubes of houses. As a New Testament illustration it would have been incredibly corny. Watched by a single person on a hill-top it was rather effective. She decided that this curious sight would have to do in place of the battle with the elements and turned to go home again. Five minutes later, on the main road, she was enveloped by a blizzard that not only made her wish she had stayed at home after all, but caused the only other car that came by to pass her unseeing.

It was a long, cold walk.

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A FRIEND reports that after the first act of "Falstaff" last Saturday he overheard one opera-goer

asking another whether he perhaps knew who that fat man was supposed to be?

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